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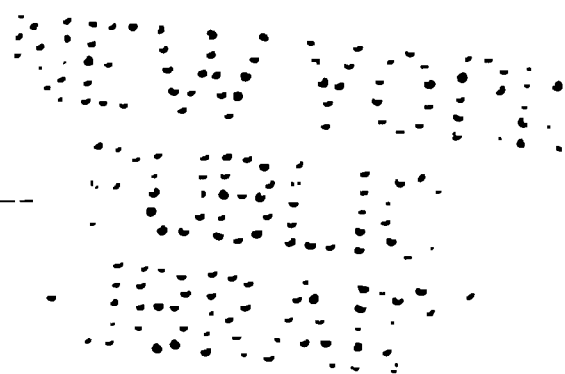
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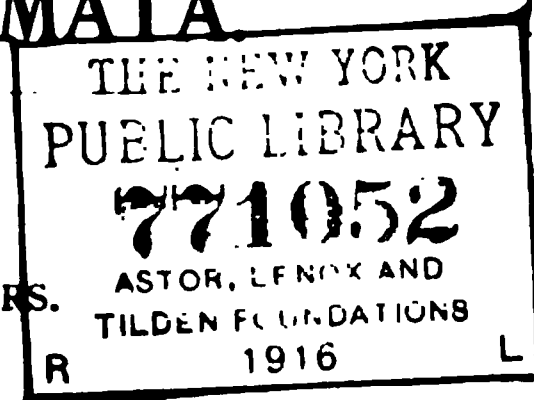
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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS HELD AT MERCERSBURG, PA.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-third and continued until the evening of the twenty-ninth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 23rd, A. D., 1900, at 7:30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. George B. Resser, from Matthew 10: 16—"Behold, I send you forth."

NOTE. The time of meeting, from the 2nd to the 23rd of October, was ordered by a special meeting of the Synod, at Pen Mar, on the 19th of July, 1900, held for that purpose.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President called the Synod to order, and formally opened it with prayer. In the absence of the Stated Clerk on account of illness, Rev. E. R. Deatrick was appointed Assistant Stated Clerk, during his father's absence. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by him, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Henry H. Apple, Gideon P. Fisher, E. Bruce Lyttle, H. M. John Klein.

Elders.—Israel Laucks, Peter C. Wiest, Edward E. Johnston.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—Adam S. Weber, Conrad Clever, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., William I. Stewart, B.D., E. Ranson Deatricks, B.D., Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Charles W. Levan, Henry F. Dittmar, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, George A. Snyder, Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., John W. Pontius,² Isaac M. Motter.²

Elders.—John Gassman, Jacob H. Cost, J. Taylor Motter, Cyrus Dellinger, Edmund S. Everhart, Elmer C. Kefauver, M.D., W. Scott Kefauver, Adrian C. McCardell,² Prof. Henry Meier,² J. Hollin Kefauver,² Charles N. Zumstein.²

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Henry N. Bassler, Charles M. Smith, Christian Gumbert, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.,² William C. Cremer, D.D.²

Elders.—Frederick P. Bossert, J. Edward Omwake, William A. Ambrose, Andrew R. Schnebly.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—R. Raymond Jones, George G. Everhart, Lewis T. Lampe, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Ellis S. Hay.

Elders.—Joshua B. Grove, Dennis M. Kilmer, Jacob Z. Fravel, John H. Bauserman, Joseph F. Crown.

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—J. M. Luther Lysterly, Harvey A. M. Holsouser, James D. Andrew.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Milton M. Noacher, John C. Bowman, D.D., John H. Hartman, Edward D. Miller, J. Marion Mickly, Peter E. Heimer.²

Elders.—Solomon Schwartz, Greenbury W. Weaver, Emanuel Cluck, William Snyder,² Andrew R. Brodbeck,² A. C. Lower,²

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Miles O. Noll, J. David Miller, Samuel H. Stein, Titus C. Strock.

Elders.—Thomas J. Clarke, David F. Daihl, Peter G. Kell.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., Lewis Robb, Irvin W. Hendricks, Thomas K. Cromer, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Henry H. Hartman.

Elders.—J. Scott Corle, Walter H. Harnish, David R. Earlenbaugh, Benjamin S. Fouse, John H. Stephens, John B. Phillips, Frank G. McKillip.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Revs. Lloyd E. Coblentz, Simon S. Miller and William C. Sykes occupied the seats of Revs. J. T. Rossiter, J. W. Pontius and I. M. Motter during the first two sessions of the Synod; Rev. C. A. Santee that of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer during the first and second days; that of Rev. M. O. Noll from Saturday afternoon to the close of the Synod by Rev. William H. Groh; that of Rev. M. M. Noacher, during the same time, by Rev. Walter E. Krebs, D.D.; Rev. S. S. Miller and W. C. Sykes were admitted to the seats of Rev. J. S. Kieffer and H. F. Dittmar on Monday morning to the end of the sessions; Rev. George B. Resser to the seat of Rev. P. E. Heimer during the first three days of the Synod.

Elders D. M. Killmer, W. A. Ambrose, E. E. Johnston and H. Meier obtained leave of absence on Friday; Revs. J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser and Elder E. C. Keiauver on Saturday; Rev. T. K. Cromer and Elder T. J. Clarke on Monday morning; and Revs. J. C. Bowman, E. S. Hay, and Elder J. F. Crown on Monday afternoon.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. John M. Schick, D.D., Simon S. Miller, Lloyd E. Coblentz, William C. Sykes, Barton R. Carnahan, George A. Whitmore, Cyrus Cort, D.D., Ernest E. Weaver, George W. Snyder, Elder Prof. Joseph H. Apple.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Charles A. Santee, Jonas B. Shontz, Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Prof. William M. Irvine, Ph.D., and Elders Thomas W. Brendle, Jerome Dietrich, Henry Omwake.

Virginia Classis.—Revs. Nehemiah H. Skyles, James B. Stonesifer, Albert B. Bauman, J. S. Garrison, Elder Daniel Rentsch.

Gettysburg Classis.—Revs. George B. Resser, Walter E. Krebs, D.D.

Crislie Classis.—Rev. William H. Groh.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Ellis N. Kremen, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, Adam C. Whitmer, Milton H. Sangster, Cyrus J. Musser, Henry K. Miller, John S. Stahl, D.D., Rufus W. Miller, Charles H. Coon, D.D., Martin L. Fitch, J. Lewis Fluck, Henry T. Spangler, D.D., Elders Daniel Miller, Francis E. Heller.

Pittsburg Synod.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, D.D., John H. Prugh, D.D., Ambrose M. Schmidt, R. Franklin Main.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. James G. Rose, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. John W. Forrest, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. L. Robb, *President*, Altoona, Pa.

Rev. A. S. Weber, *Vice President*, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *is Stated Clerk*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Assistant Clerk*, Woodberry, Md.

Rev. H. H. Apple, *Corresponding Secretary*, York, Pa.

Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., *Reading Clerk*, Alexandria, Pa.

Elder G. N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as limited to the first eight pews from the chancel. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 o'clock, with a recess from 11.30 to 2 o'clock, and close at 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. C. A. Santee, H. N. Bassler, H. H. Hartman, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, W. A. Ambrose.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. D. Andrew, T. C. Strock, and Elders F. G. McKillip, J. H. Bauserman.

Overtures.—Revs. M. O. Noll, I. W. Hendricks, H. F. Dittmar, and Elders J. S. Corle, P. G. Kell.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., L. E. Coblentz, G. A. Snyder, and Elders S. Schwartz, J. H. Stephens.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. W. Santee, F. A. Rupley, Sr., J. M. Mickly, and Elders I. Laucks, J. T. Motter.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. G. B. Resser, E. S. Hay, T. K. Cromer, and Elders F. R. Bossert, D. K. Earlenbaugh.

Education.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, E. R. Eschbach, C. S. Slagle, and Elders J. E. Omwake, E. C. Kefauver.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. E. B. Lyttle, M. M. Noacher, J. M. L. Lysterly, and Elders P. C. Wiest, G. W. Weaver.

Missions.—Revs. C. Clever, H. H. Apple, and Elders W. H. Harnish, J. Gassman.

Sunday-Schools.—Revs. A. S. Weber, H. M. J. Klein, S. H. Stein, and Elders J. B. Grove, B. S. Fouse.

Publication.—Revs. J. C. Bowman, C. W. Levan, L. E. Coblentz, and Elders D. F. Daihl, J. H. Cost.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, G. P. Fisher, G. G. Everhart, and Elders W. S. Kefauver, J. F. Crown.

Nominations.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, R. R. Jones, J. D. Miller, and Elders T. J. Clarke, J. B. Phillips.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, L. T. Lampe, C. M. Smith, and Elders E. Cluck, C. Dellinger.

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, and Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the General Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and was referred

to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-School Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-School Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday Evening.—Liturgical service by Rev. W. I. Stewart. "Home Missions."—The Twentieth Century: Conditions and forces, with which we as a Church face it, by Rev. E. R. Eschbach. The field which opens before us: with what specific purpose shall we enter it, by Rev. W. C. Shaeffer.

Thursday Evening.—Liturgical service by Rev. H. F. Dittmar. "Education." Addresses by Revs. J. C. Bowman and C. Clever.

Friday.—Dedicatory services of Keil Hall.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory services at 2 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. C. S. Slagle. Liturgical services by Rev. J. D. Miller and E. R. Deatruck.

Saturday Evening.—"Sunday-schools." Addresses were made by Rev. J. W. Pontius on "The Work of the Sunday-school in the Church;" by Rev. L. T. Lampe on "The Lesson Preparation;" and by Rev. R. W. Miller on "The New Century Sunday-school."

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Sermon by the President of Synod, Rev. L. Robb. Liturgical services by Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins.

Sunday Morning, 9:20 o'clock.—Sunday-school addresses by Revs. E. B. Lyttle and M. M. Noacher.

Sunday Evening, 7 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Levan. Liturgical service by Revs. J. T. Rossiter and E. S. Hay.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning, sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer. Evening, sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

Lutheran Church.—Morning, sermon by Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr. Evening, sermon by Rev. I. W. Hendricks.

Methodist Church. Morning, sermon by Rev. S. H. Stein. Evening, sermon by Rev. N. H. Skyles.

United Brethren Church. Morning, sermon by Rev. T. K. Cromer. Evening, sermon by Rev. G. A. Snyder.

African M. E. Church. Morning, sermon by Rev. H. F. Dittmar. Evening, sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Academy Sunday-School. Sunday evening. Addresses by Revs. C. J. Musser, H. H. Apple, and J. C. Bowman.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1. page 7. The usual standing committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. T. C. Hesson is chairman.

Item 2. page 11. A special committee is appointed to secure copies of the addresses delivered at the Schläter Memorial Services, during the Synod at Hagerstown in 1897, and publish them; provided the Synod incur no expenses in connection with their publication.

Item 3. page 12. The Synod's committee for the further endowment of the Woman's College at Frederick is continued with instructions.

Item 4. page 13. The committee to cooperate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College is continued.

Item 5. page 16. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Managers of Maryland College, and one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College in place of those whose terms of service will shortly terminate.

Item 6. page 16. It has been necessary for the Synod to elect two members of the Board of Directors of the Theological

Seminary, and two members of the Board of Trustees of the same institution, in place of those whose term of office will soon expire, and also a member of the same Board for four years in place of Elder F. Geise, deceased, during the past year.

Item 7, page 59. The Synod urges upon the Classes and pastors to co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in raising \$30,000 for erecting the Washington Memorial Church.

Item 8, page 59. The attention of the Classes and congregations and individual members is called anew to the importance of Church Building Funds; and the Classes are urged to take active steps towards securing more of these funds.

Item 9, page 59. The Synod endorses the Twentieth Century Movement in behalf of Home Missions, and heartily commends it to the co-operation of all our Classes and congregations.

Item 10, page 59. The officers of Synod are constituted a committee to prepare a program for a special missionary meeting to be held in connection with the next annual meeting of the Synod in the interest of the Twentieth Century Movement.

Item 11, page 60. Each Classis is requested to appoint a committee of three, to hold a meeting in the interest of this movement at their annual meetings last Spring, and further directs that similar conventions or meetings be held in each congregation, and that pastors be requested to preach special sermons on the subject.

Item 12, page 60. The Synod requests all the Classes to urge their respective congregations to pay their full apportionments for both Home and Foreign Missions, and at the earliest periods, during the Classical year.

Item 13, page 60. Revs. C. Clever, L. E. Coblentz and C. A. Santee are appointed the Synod's committee on the Twentieth Century Movement, to have the general charge thereof.

Item 14, page 61. The officers of Synod are given certain instructions in connection with the sale of the First Reformed Church of the City of Stockton, California.

Item 15, page 62. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions to fill the places of those whose terms of service expire with the present meeting of Synod.

Item 16, page 65. Apportionments are made upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Work Among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Contingent Fund, and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 17, page 65. Certain arrearages are noted as still

existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Catawba College, and Calvin College.

Item 18, page 67. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of the one whose term of service will end on the first of next January.

Item 19, page 76. The Stated Clerk is directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1899 published.

Item 20, page 80. The Synod commends anew the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States and its claims to the hearty sympathy and the willing and ready support of the several Classes of the Synod and to the pastors and membership of the Church generally.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on item 2, the chairman reported, that the committee had an edition of six hundred copies printed and sold, without involving the Synod in any expense; and the thanks of the Synod were returned to the committee; on items 3 and 4, see Article XIII, Education; items 5, 6, 15 and 18 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 20, see Article X, Minutes of Classes, for their action on the several items; on item 10, duty attended to; on item 14, see Article XV, Missions, Report of Bi-Synodic Board; and on item 19, see Article XX, Publication.

ARTICLE IX. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Pittsburg Synod in relation to the Rev. John I. Swander Lectureship.

Item 2. A book entitled "The Church Member" by the Rev. Samuel H. Dietzel.

Item 3. An invitation from the Reformed congregation of Huntingdon, Pa., to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 4. A communication from Rev. S. S. Miller, Secretary of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, on the work and condition of the said Society.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. NOLL, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XIII., Education; on items 2 and 4, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. The invitation in item 3 was accepted, and the time fixed for holding the sessions was the third Tuesday of October, the 15th, A. D., 1901, at 8 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Thursday forenoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Zion's Classis failed to name the Classis from which Rev. Raymond E. Butz was received; failed to record the month and date of the ordination of Licentiate Israel S. Leiby.

2. Virginia Classis failed to name the place in Mt. Jackson where Classis will convene.

3. The following named Classes have incomplete marginal references: Virginia, Juniata.

4. The following named Classes failed to affix their seals to the copies of the minutes submitted to Synod: Mercersburg, Virginia, Juniata.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

5. Zion's Classis requests Synod's attention to the charges in that Classis delinquent on account of arrearages to Catawba College.

6. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to exonerate the First Reformed and Heidelberg congregations from the payment of their apportionments to Catawba College, inasmuch as they paid the principal.

7. Maryland Classis renews the request made to Synod last year referring to Catawba College apportionment.

8. Maryland Classis overtures Synod with reference to Deaconess Work and Home.

9. Virginia Classis requests Synod to cancel the arrearages of that Classis.

10. North Carolina Classis overtures Synod to promptly complete the seventeen-thousand-dollar endowment for Catawba College.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

11. Mr. Samuel Sprankle complains to Synod on account of certain action by Juniata Classis.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

All matters referred by the Synod to the Classes have received favorable action, with the following exceptions:

12. Zion's Classis did not assume the arrearage on account of Calvin College.

13. Maryland Classis (a) assumed \$725 instead of \$976 on account of Beneficiary Education; (b) reapportioned \$109 instead of \$163.29 on account of Catawba College arrearage; (c) claims full credit on account of Calvin College arrearage.

14. Mercersburg Classis (a) accepted \$400 instead of \$469 on account of Beneficiary Education; (b) accepted \$45 instead of \$90 on account of Theological Seminary; (c) declined to accept Synod's apportionment for Work among the Germans.

15. Virginia Classis (a) apportioned \$300 instead of \$555 for Home Missions; (b) apportioned \$300 instead of \$395 for Foreign Missions; (c) apportioned \$50 instead of \$95 for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions; (d) apportioned \$25 instead of \$40 for Work among Germans; (e) apportioned \$150 instead of \$300 for Beneficiary Education; (f) apportioned \$30 instead of \$58 for Theological Seminary; (g) apportioned \$50 instead of \$92 for Catawba College; (h) failed to appoint a Committee on Twentieth Century Movement.

16. North Carolina Classis (a) did not assume any apportionment for Beneficiary Education; (b) did not assume any apportionment for Hungarian Missions; (c) did not assume any apportionment for Work among Germans; (d) did not assume any apportionment for Harbor Missions; (e) assumed \$25 instead of \$52 for Theological Seminary.

17. Gettysburg Classis declares its inability to act on the request of Synod touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

18. Zion's Classis received Licentiate Israel S. Leiby from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; Rev. Raymond E. Butz from East Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed Rev. Morgan A. Peters, who returned the certificate previously granted, dismissing him to the Lehigh Presbytery, of the Presbyterian Church, to the Classis of Schuylkill; and Rev. A. Theodore Wright to Virginia Classis.

19. Maryland Classis licensed John W. Gilds and William H. Warner; ordained Licentiates Charles H. Knight and William E. Lampe; received Rev. Ernest E. Weaver from the

Illinois Classis, Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., from the Tiffin Classis, and Rev. James M. Mullan from Carlisle Classis; dismissed Licentiate John W. Gilds to East Pennsylvania Classis, and Rev. K. Otis Spessard, Ph.D., to West Susquehanna Classis.

20. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Cyrus R. Dffenbacher, D.D., from Westmoreland Classis; and dismissed Rev. Albert H. Hibschan to Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

21. Virginia Classis received Rev. Charles A. Bushong from West Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. Abram D. Wolfinger to Tiffin Classis, and Rev. J. Philip Harner to Somerset Classis.

22. North Carolina Classis ordained Licentiate Henry E. Sechler; received Rev. Gerny Weber from Zion's Classis, and dismissed Rev. L. M. Kerschner to the Presbyterian Church.

23. Gettysburg Classis licensed Charles B. Rebert and dismissed him to Somerset Classis; dismissed Rev. George P. Stem to Lehigh Classis.

24. Carlisle Classis licensed Scott R. Wagner and dismissed him to Lehigh Classis; received Licentiate John P. Diefenderfer from West Susquehanna Classis and ordained him; dismissed Rev. James M. Mullan to Maryland Classis, Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D., to West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Charles H. Brandt to Philadelphia Classis.

25. Juniata Classis received Licentiate Albert H. Ginder and Rev. P. A. DeLong from Lehigh Classis, and ordained the former; dismissed Licentiate Wm. A. McClellan to Westmoreland Classis; Rev. Ambrose C. Geary to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Homer S. May to Somerset Classis; Rev. S. Charles Stover to Clarion Classis; Rev. Charles E. Creitz to Reading Classis, and Rev. Paul S. Leinbach to Allegheny Classis.

VI.—Places and Times of Next Annual Meetings.

26. Zion's Classis will meet in Salem's (Paradise) Church, Trinity charge, York county, Pa., Monday, May 20th, 1901, 7.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. H. M. J. Klein, *President*; Rev. Aaron Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; J. Deisinger, M. D., *Treasurer*.

27. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Middletown, Md., May 17th, 1901, 7.45 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. C. Sykes, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrck, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

28. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Greencastle, Pa., May 13th, 1901, 7.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. C. A. Santee, *President*; Rev. Wm. M. Deatrck, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

29. Virginia Classis will meet in the Old Union Church, Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah Co., Va., Wednesday, May 15th, 1901, 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. Lewis T. Lampe, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Shiloh Reformed Church, of the Central Rowan charge, Faith, N. C., on Wednesday, May 1st, 1901, 2.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. A. Shulenberg, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; Elder M. J. Rowe, *Treasurer*.

31. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the East Berlin Reformed Church, Adams County, Pa., on the 3rd Monday in May, 1901, 7.30 p. m. Rev. F. C. Seitz, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

32. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Elliotsburg Reformed Church on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1901, 7.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. Titus C. Strock, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

33. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Loysburg, Bedford County, Pa., May 15th, 1901, 2.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. Homer S. May, *President*; Rev. Lewis Robb, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, JR., *Chairman*.

The attention of the Classes noted as irregular in items 1, 2, 3, and 4 was called to their irregularities. On item 5, the Synod calls the attention of Zion's Classis in regard to the delinquent charges, with the request that the delinquencies be paid. For the action of Synod on items 6, 7, 8, and 10, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. The request in item 9 was refused. On item 11, see Article XVII., Complaints. Item 12 was referred back to Zion's Classis to pay the arrearage. In regard to items 13, 14, 15 and 16, on motion, the Synod urges all the Classes to assume the full apportionments sent down by the Synod, and apportion them among their several Classes. The remaining items of the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination begs leave to report that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It is with a great deal of satisfaction, and gratitude to God, that we, as a Synod, are permitted to review the state, or progress, of religion and morals during the past Synodical year.

In a more general way, it must have been a matter of rejoicing to our hearts that, whilst in the world at large there have been wars and rumors of wars, commotions and agitations, uncertainties and perplexities, in the management of its affairs, the Church has, in the main, been permitted to go on steadily toward the prosecution of her beneficent work, in possession of that peace which her Master gives to her, not as the world gives. We are not unmindful that, during the year many of our Christian brethren in the Far East have had to seal their devotion to our cause with their life-blood; but we know that, for them, this is the winning of a martyr's crown, and their blood will become the seed of better things in the soil upon which it was shed.

More particularly within our own boundary lines there is little for us to call attention to that is not cheering. It appears from the annual reports of the several Classes that the ministry have been enabled to discharge the arduous duties of their high office in uniformly good health, and exempt from serious hindrances of any kind. From one point of view it is to be noted with regret that four of our clergymen, Revs. H. St. John Rinker, Jacob Hassler, W. R. H. Deatrich and Geo. R. Zacharias, have been called away from our midst. All these were men of such sterling piety and thorough consecration to the welfare of our beloved Zion, that their demise can only be recognized as a species of loss to us who still remain. But we would not delay the attainment of their heavenly bliss, whilst we know that, though dead, they yet speak to us in sympathy and love.

In the Classical reports submitted to us this year it is also apparent, that among the *laity* of the Church there has been marked spiritual growth, and, consequent upon this, a quickened interest in the temporal concerns of the Church. Numerical increase is not so much in evidence as in some former years, but a manifest deepening of religious conviction and a

widening of the benevolent spirit is conspicuous, which, in the long run, may be expected to atone for a temporary want of numbers.

Apportionments for carrying on the general work of the Church have been received with more grace, and greater efforts have been made to meet them. More than usual endeavors have been put forth to acquaint the pastoral charges with the policies of the Mission Boards, in both branches, as well as to awaken new enthusiasm for their support.

The great importance of Sunday-school work, and other means of intensifying religious consciousness in our young people, seem to have been receiving due attention, and not without encouraging results.

Bringing within this small compass the observations which the duty assigned your Committee behooved us to make, we are glad to report that the present state of religion and morals amongst us is such as to give us occasion for devout thankfulness, with just enough of the shadow of evil upon it to admonish us that there is no time for us to be indifferent, or sink into a complacent lethargy, but be alive to the *much* which there is yet for us to do before we shall be meet for the reward of our labors. With the hope that He who has called us to this holy service will abundantly qualify us for all that still awaits us, this report is respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RESSER, *Chairman*

(For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday morning, which was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education, through its Treasurer, begs leave to submit the following report, for the year ending October 1st, 1900.

In consequence of two of the officers of the Board of Education, as given in our last annual report to the Synod, not being re-elected as members of the Board by the last Synod, a re-organization of the Board became necessary. Accordingly the Board met in Baltimore at the close of the meeting of the Synod, and elected Rev. Joel T. Rossiter as *President*, and Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick continuing as the *Treasurer* of the Board.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Baltimore, Md., June 28th, 1900, when the organization for the year took place by the re-election of the officers just mentioned, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress in their various studies and standing in the different educational institutions with which they stand connected, and the annual appropriations were made for the current academic year.

The grade papers and standing of two of the young men were so poor, that the Board ordered their names stricken from the list of beneficiaries. At a subsequent meeting of the Board one of the young men made an earnest plea to be re-instated, and, after a careful consideration of the case, he was re-instated, and granted an appropriation for the ensuing year; and they accordingly are omitted from this report as beneficiary students.

John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert, and Scott R. Wagner, all of them college graduates, were also graduated last May in theology, the last two named from the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and the first named from the Ursinus School of Theology, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Gilds was licensed by the Maryland Classis, Mr. Rebert by the Gettysburg Classis, and Mr. Wagner by the Carlisle Classis. They were all subsequently ordained to the work of the holy ministry and are engaged in pastoral labors.

John H. Detrich, who graduated from Franklin and Marshall College last June, was granted permission to spend a year in teaching and is now so engaged.

The other beneficiary students on our roll a year ago have been continued as such. Their standing and progress in the educational institutions with which they have been connected was satisfactory to the Board, and they have been voted appropriations in varying sums for the present school year.

The following young men have been enrolled as beneficiary students since our last annual report to the Synod, namely, Edward S. Lamar and Edward A. G. Herman, both at the request of the Maryland Classis.

Twenty-five students have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of the Board, during the past year, from October 1st, 1899, to October 1st, 1900, to the amount of \$3,106.30. At present, twenty-two beneficiaries are on our roll, who hold their Classical connection as follows, namely: Maryland Classis, 4; Gettysburg Classis, 4; Mercersburg Classis, 3; Carlisle Classis, 3; Juniata Classis, 3; North Carolina Classis, 2; Zion's Classis, 1; and Virginia Classis, 1. They are Joshua L. Bowers, W. Stewart Cramer, John S. Heffner and John K. McKee, *Seminary Seniors*; Robert L.

Bair, Joseph E. Guy, and Charles A. Waltman, *Seminary Middlers*; Blanchard A. Black, William H. Causey, Aaron M. Gluck, and John E. Stone, *Seminary Juniors*; John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Vernon S. Rice, and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Seniors*; Victor A. Barnhart, Dallas R. Krebs, Edward S. Lamar, Charles E. Meyers and Howard K. Miller, *College Juniors*, and Edward A. G. Herman, a *College Sophomore*.

It becomes our painful duty to inform the Synod that the Treasury of the Board was *empty*, and slightly overdrawn, at the end of the fiscal year, on the first instant, the treasurer of the Board having advanced \$33.72.

The following arrearages are found existing on the apportionments for this cause, for the year, namely: Maryland Classis, \$424.43; Zion's Classis, \$373.70; North Carolina Classis, \$225.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$190.00; Virginia Classis, \$150.00; and Mercersburg Classis, \$107.99; making a total of \$1,471.12, or more than one-third of the whole amount apportioned unpaid.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the following sums as received for Beneficiary Education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same pastoral charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum total contributed by such pastoral charge, except in the case of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Juniata Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$700.00.

Maryland Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$551.57.

Gettysburg Classis.—Emmanuel Reformed church, of Hanover, \$150.00; Trinity Church, of Hanover, \$40.00; Interest of Ditzler bequest, \$25.00; sources of contributions not given, \$245.00. Making \$460.00.

Mercersburg Classis.—Zion's Church, of Chambersburg, \$80.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$50.00; Greencastle Church, \$42.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$40.00; Shippensburg Church, \$31.00; St. Paul's Charge, of Waynesboro, \$29.64; St. John's Church, of Chambersburg, \$25.00; St. Thomas' Charge, \$15.00; Mont Alto Church, \$11.00; Waynesboro Charge, \$10.00; McConnellsburg Charge, \$10.00; Middleburg

Church, \$10.00; London Charge, \$7.37. Making \$361.01.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, \$72.61; Landisburg Charge, \$57.40; Carlisle Church, \$50.30; Newport Charge, \$50.30; Mechanicsburg Church, \$32.80; Duncannon Charge, \$32.41; Sulphur Springs Charge, \$24.30; Newburg Church, \$18.71; New Bloomfield Church, \$11.17. Making \$350.00.

Virginia Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$150.00.

Zion's Classis.—Heidelberg Church, of York, \$34.28; Trinity Charge, \$26.09; St. John's Charge, \$9.20; Kreutz Creek Charge, \$8.43; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$3.30; advanced by the treasurer of Classis, \$25.00. Making \$106.30.

North Carolina Classis.—Sources of contributions not given, \$75.00.

Miscellaneous —Refunded by R., a former beneficiary student, \$145.00; one year's interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$10.00. Making \$155.00.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury at last report, October 1st, 1899.....	\$ 169 40
Received from Juniata Classis	700 00
" " Maryland Classis	551 57
" " Gettysburg Classis	460 00
" " Mercersburg Classis	361 01
" " Carlisle Classis	350 00
" " Virginia Classis	150 00
" " Zion's Classis	106 30
" " North Carolina Classis.....	75 00
" " Miscellaneous	155 00
Total receipts	<u>\$3,078 28</u>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis.....	\$ 675 00
" " Juniata Classis	525 00
" " Maryland Classis	500 00
" " Mercersburg Classis	500 00
" " Carlisle Classis	475 00
" " North Carolina Classis...	225 00
" " Zion's Classis	106 30
" " Virginia Classis	100 00
Postage, revenue stamps and stationery.....	5 70

Making

	\$3,112 00
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Thus leaving a balance due the treasurer of \$33.72.

By order of the Board of Education,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer.*

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

It is hereby certified that we have carefully audited the foregoing report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, comparing it with the vouchers, and have found it correct.

GEO. B. RESSER,
T. F. HOFFMEIER,
J. W. SANTEE.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to report as follows:

At our annual meeting in June last the Board organized by re-electing the same officers as those of last year. It gives us great pleasure to report that the past year was the most successful in the history of the institution. During the year closing June, 1900, there were in attendance one hundred and eighty-five boys. Of this number sixty-five were graduated.

For the year ending June, 1900, the receipts of the school were \$36,073.41. Expenses of school, including salaries paid, \$29,514.55. Earnings above expenses, \$6,558.86.

The opening of the school this year was under the most favorable auspices. One hundred and eighty-two pupils are on the roll: fourteen are day pupils and one hundred and sixty-eight are boarders—a gain of twenty boarders over last year. There are sixteen members in the faculty. Since the first of June, 1899, Keil Hall has been building. This beautiful structure, built, in Colonial Style, of brick, and trimmed with Warsaw blue stone, will be dedicated during the present meeting of Synod. The hall is named in memory of Mrs. Sarah Salome Keil by reason of the generosity of her son, an old Mercersburg boy, Mr. Jacob T. Keil, of Pittsburg, Pa. Keil Hall contains rooms for fifty-two boys, dining room, kitchen, dish closet, bake room, heating cellar, lavatory, store-room and servants' dining room. Many of the best artists in the country have shared in the finishing of the dining room. The total cost of Keil Hall, including water system, is \$45,000.00, of which amount \$18,000.00 has been subscribed. It is proposed to meet the rest of the cost by subscriptions yet to be gathered and by the clearings of the school.

We feel that the giver of all good has blessed this institution most wonderfully. From obscurity it has risen to the fore rank of academies for boys. We hope that your reverend body will aid this school in every possible way. We assert, with great confidence, that it merits your support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

**Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of
Frederick, Md.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., beg leave to submit the following report:

The same officers were elected at the reorganization last spring. The year was a successful one. The intellectual, moral and Christian bearing of the College was never better. In every department there was improvement over preceding years. Our last commencement was the best in the history of the institution.

The whole number of students enrolled for the year was 157. Of these fifteen were graduated; three in the Classical; three in the Scientific, and one in the Certificate Course; one in voice; one in Piano; two in Mandolin, and four in the School of Expression.

The total receipts for the year were \$15,620.87.

Expenses, including supplies, rents, salaries, repairs, etc., \$15,363.17.

Earnings above all expenses, \$255.70.

We had in hand on June 10th, 1900, as assets, in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., \$3,200.

The rentals of the College and Conservatory Buildings for the year are paid.

The accounts of the several Treasurers have been examined and found correct.

Endowment Fund invested, \$22,538.42.

Notes, pledges and subscriptions due, \$735.

During the past summer, in addition to the usual improvements made in papering, painting, etc., two enamel baths were substituted for the old ones in the East Building, and a modern steam laundry plant was placed in the basement at the cost of \$1,250.

A contract has been given for the permanent seating of College Hall, with 300 comfortable opera chairs, the work to be completed this month, at a cost of \$435, of which amount the Frederick Female Seminary Board pays \$290.

There have been several changes in the Faculty, by which it has been the better complemented and strengthened.

The College reopened September 13, 1900, under auspicious circumstances. The total number enrolled at this date for the year is 144.

The standard of scholarship has been gradually raised and the work extended. While this increases our efficiency, it also increases our wants. The Physical Laboratory needs better equipment and the Library is susceptible of improvement.

On comparison, our rates will be found lower than those

of any equally equipped institution in the land. At present, our entire income, including the interest from our Endowment Fund, does little more than meet our running expenses. To raise our rates would exclude many of those who most need and deserve a college course. You will see, therefore, that to make the institution thoroughly effective, we need the additional endowment authorized by the Synod. We must have more than passive moral support. In the twentieth century, we must keep step with the most aggressive colleges in the land, if we are properly to serve the church and our generation. Our College was late in entering the field, and she has not yet been assigned a place in the benefactions of the Church. We therefore ask you, to challenge our pastors and thoughtful members, to consider the claims of those who shall be the mothers of the next century, and who, therefore, will have a controlling influence in moulding future generations.

Mr. John A. Singer, elected a member of the Board at the last Synod, has declined his election. His resignation is hereby announced to Synod and his successor should be chosen, to enter at once upon the duties of the office.

The time of service of A. C. McCardell will expire with December 31, 1900. His successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of Board.

OCT. 22, 1900.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully submits to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1899-1900.

1. The work of the Seminary for the year began Sept. 14, 1899, and was continued without interruption, all the professors having been in attendance.

2. Thirteen students were admitted to the Junior Class. Of these one was advised by the Board to discontinue his studies. The others were advanced, after having sustained their examinations, to the Middle Year. They are: R. L. Bair, J. M. Bean, P. J. Dundore, E. N. Evans, J. E. Guy, W. G. Haupt, F. P. Miller, J. O. Oswald, E. T. Rhodes, J. H. Smith, J. Von Holt, H. P. Walter. Total 12.

3. The Middle Class consisted of students who were admitted into the Junior Class in September, 1898, but with some changes.

One, by reason of long-continued illness was advised to resume his studies with the Junior Class; one discontinued his studies for the ministry; one failed to report either in per-

son or by letter. A. F. Nace, a former student, and F. W. Kennedy were admitted. The latter accepted a professorship in Heidelberg University, and severed his connection with the class in April last. The members of this class, after having sustained their examinations were advanced to the Senior Class. Total 24.

4. The Senior Class consisted of the following members: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, V. W. Dippell, Ph.D., A. K. Faust, E. M. Hartman, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Of the above V. W. Dippell and E. M. Hartman were admitted at the beginning of the Academical year, and A. K. Faust has been appointed by the Church a missionary to Japan. These gentlemen sustained approved examinations and were granted the usual testimonials. C. T. Isenberger, a member of the M. E. Church, was dismissed during the year on his own request to Drew Theological Seminary. Total 12.

5. In addition to their studies the students have engaged in practical religious work, in the Sunday-school, pulpit and various forms of missionary activity. No case of serious discipline occurred during the year.

6. Arrangements were made with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to continue the course in elocution and oratory by the employment of Prof. Claude B. Davis, whose past instruction has been greatly appreciated by the students and commended by the faculty.

7. The Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., proposed to your reverend body one year ago, to pay over twelve hundred dollars of accrued interest on the Swander Fund, of which he is agent, said payment to be made so soon as the Pittsburgh Synod and the Seminary Faculty should have made arrangements for its use. The Pittsburgh Synod proposed that the money should be used for a temporary lectureship and requested the faculty to appoint Rev. J. I. Swander as the first lecturer on this foundation. The faculty, lacking the power to establish a lectureship without the joint action of the three Synods, or to appoint a lecturer on the foundation of the proposed lectureship without the authority of the Board of Visitors, referred the recommendation of the Pittsburgh Synod to the Board of Visitors. At the same time the faculty invited Dr. Swander to deliver a course of two or three lectures before the faculty and students of the Theological Seminary on such subject and at such time as might be agreed upon by himself and the faculty.

The following action of the Board of Visitors relative to the foregoing recommendation is respectfully referred to the consideration of the three Synods.

I. We recommend the establishment of such a temporary lectureship as is suggested by the Pittsburgh Synod; that the

matter be referred to the three Synods for approval: and that Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., be chosen as the first lecturer.

II. In the event of approval by the Synods the faculty in conjunction with Dr. J. I. Swander shall arrange for the lectures, determining the subjects, the lectures and the compensation to be paid them.

8. The Board respectfully overtures the three Synods requesting that they provide the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the year 1900-1901 for a teacher of elocution to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod \$300, Pittsburgh Synod \$100, Synod of the Potomac \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER,

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 3, 1900.

Secretary.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held one special and two regular meetings.

The special meeting was held March 28th, 1900, to authorize the sale of the Simmons property, which the Board was obliged to buy in 1896.

The first regular meeting was held on May 10th, 1900, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth; and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

At this meeting the Treasurer was authorized to make a deduction of \$2,000 in the Endowment Fund to cover the loss arising from the sale of the Simmons property.

A communication (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) was received from Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, agent of the "Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund," whereupon the Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the church are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dr. J. I. Swander for this additional exhibition of their noble beneficence to the Theological Seminary, and that the Board accepts the same with heartfelt gratitude upon terms and stipulations substantially similar to that governing the \$12,000 bequest already conveyed.

The following minute was adopted relative to the death of Frank Geise, Esq., a brother member of the Board:

The Board deeply laments the death of their co-laborer and place on record their high appreciation of his services in the position he held as member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary. He was deeply interested in the work of the church and of the Seminary, and was always ready and willing to make any sacrifice in their behalf. His Christian character and gentlemanly bearing made themselves felt in the county in which he lived, in the church he loved, and in every sphere in which he was called to labor. The Board feels sensible of the loss they have sustained and shall miss his wise counsel in their deliberations, and express their sympathy by ordering this memorial to be spread upon their minutes.

The second regular meeting was held October 9th, 1900. After an examination of the investments of the Endowment Fund and a comparison of the income thereof with the annual expenses, the Board passed the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, owing to reduced rates of interest received from the securities held by the Board, and owing to the increased expenses, incurred annually since the erection of the Seminary building, the income from the Endowment Fund is not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the institution, therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the church be called to the fact that there will be an annual deficit until such time, when said Endowment Fund is increased by will or otherwise, and

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion two thousand (\$2,000) dollars towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$900 00
Potomac Synod.....	600 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,

HELLERTOWN, October 9th, 1900.

Secretary.

TIFFIN, OHIO, April 6, 1900.

To the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Lancaster. Pa.:

GENTLEMEN: It is with pleasure that I submit this my second annual report as agent for the management of "The Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund," at present in my possession as custodian.

You will see by reference to my first report dated April 30, 1899, that I had on hand and in bank \$1,105.50. Interest collected during the year as follows:

On Investment No. 1. Mrs. Amsden's note.....	\$246 00
On Investment No. 2. the Murrish note.....	146 25
On Investment No. 3. the Orson Jopp note.....	195 00
On Investment No. 4. my personal note.....	30 00
Total	\$1,716 75

The above amount is subject to order as per terms of the deed of conveyance. There has been no occasion for re-investment of the principal. Your agent agreed with Mr. Jopp that he is to keep his \$3,000 until April 1st, 1903, at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. payable annually.

On the 12th day of last December I received \$5,000 from a certain friend of mine and invested the same in a loan on good real estate in the town of Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, for 5 years at 6 per cent. payable semi-annually (principal and interest) to "J. I. Swander, agent," for "The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary located at Lancaster, Pa." It is the intention of the donor that your agent shall formally convey the same to your honorable Board at an early date upon terms and stipulations substantially similar to those governing the \$12,000 bequest already conveyed.

I may further add that it seems highly probable that at an early date there will be invested \$3,000 additional to make the fund in all \$20,000, should Pittsburgh Synod, your honorable Board and all other interested parties and Boards agree to receive it, and agree as to the manner the fund may be put to work for the benefit of the Seminary and the advancement of Christological truth.

In the meantime I am as ever,

Respectfully,

J. I. SWANDER, *Agent.*

Treasurer's Report.

SHALIZ FUND.

	Principal	\$5,000 00
1900.	Dr.	
Oct.	1. For interest on same to date.....	\$250 00
1900.	Cr.	
Sept.	5. By interest paid John Hartzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board...	\$250 00

WM. A. WILLY FUND.

Principal	\$233 33
Interest on same to October 1, 1900, \$41.66, is accounted for in Treasurer's current ex- pense account.	

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1900.		
Oct.	1. Amount of fund is.....	\$2,000 75

1900.		DR.		
May	8.	For amount due fund May 8, 1899..	\$13 47	
May	8.	For amount interest due fund May 8, 1900	94 20	
			<hr/>	\$107 67

1900.		CR.		
May	8.	By amount paid prize to V. W. Dippell as per award of Committee	\$100 00	
		Sundry expenses	2 00	
			<hr/>	\$102 00

May	8.	Balance due fund.....		\$5 67
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SACRED RHETORIC PRIZE FUND.

1899.	May	8.	The amount of fund is.....	\$470 47
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1900.		DR.		
May	8.	For interest due fund.....	\$23 27	

1900.		CR.		
May	8.	By amount paid prize to S. Cramer per award of Committee	\$20 00	
		Per sundry charges.....	50 20 50	

		Balance added to principal.....		2 77
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		Amount of fund.....		\$473 24
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THE JOHN L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1900.	May	8.	The amount of fund is.....	\$15,680 00
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Oct.	I.	All interest received on this fund to October 1, 1900, is charged in Treasurer's current expense account to that date.		
		Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.....		\$1,000 00

1900.		DR.		
		For Bal. due fund, Oct. 1, 1899.....	\$145 22	
Oct.	I.	For Int. due fund, Oct. 1, 1900.....	45 00	

\$190 22

1900.		CR.		
Jan. 25.		By cash paid Rev. J. C. Bowman.....	\$40 00	
Apr. 27.		By cash paid Talmud Pub. Co.....	5 10	
May 23.		By cash paid Saml. Auxer, bill.....	33 75	
Sept. 6.		By cash paid Talmud Pub. Co.....	2 50	
Sept. 18.		By cash paid Saml. Auxer.....	2 93	84 28

		Bal. due Jacob Forney Fund.....		\$105 94
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HENRY WIRT SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

		The amount of fund is.....		\$1,000 00 .
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1900.		DR.		
Oct.	I.	For amount due fund to date.....	\$142 60	

1899.		CR.		
Dec.	II.	By amount paid Rev. J. C. Bowman.	41 54	

1900.				
Oct.	I.	Balance due fund.....	\$101 06	

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SHRIVER ALCOVE FUND.

1900.			
Oct.	1.	The amount of fund is.....	\$1,000 00
1900.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	For amount interest due fund to date.	\$71 67
1899.			
Dec.	9.	For check received of Louis E. Shriver	20 00
		Amount due fund.....	<u>\$91 67</u>

SEMINARY CLASS 1894 ALCOVE FUND.

		For amount of notes in hand of Treasurer, dating July 1, 1894.....	\$981 00
1900.		CR.	
Oct.	1.	By amount of notes paid to date.....	428 00
			<u>\$553 00</u>
		Amount of unpaid notes in hands of Treasurer \$553 and interest on fund to Oct. 1, 1900, is \$25.14.	

LECTURE FUND STATEMENT.

1900.		No endowment.	
Oct.	1.	Bal. in hands of Treasurer is.....	\$38 56

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1899.			
Oct.	9.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	\$272 23
Oct.	21.	For amount received of Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer.....	40 00
1900.			
Apr.	30.	For amount received of Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treasurer.....	\$200 00
May	12.	For amount received of Philadelphia Classis, Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer.....	49 40
May	17.	For amount received of E. Susquehanna Classis, Geo. Hill, Treasurer.....	37 22
May	25.	For amount received of Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	84 66
June	9.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	100 94
June	12.	For amount received of Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer.....	419 18
Aug.	1.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	415 18
Sept.	12.	For amount received of Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treasurer.....	200 00
Sept.	17.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	167 00
Sept.	29.	For amount received of Eastern Synod, John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	71 50
			<u>\$2,057 31</u>
1900.		CR.	
Sept.	14.	By amount transferred to Cr. Seminary ground account	\$300 00
Sept.	14.	By amount interest paid Endowment Fund	388 73

Sept. 29. By amount balance transferred to current expense account..... 1368 58

\$2,057 31

PITTSBURG PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

1899.
Oct. 1. Amount of fund reported..... \$29,874 64
Nov. 2. Amount received of Rev. D. A. Souders..... 105 00
1900.
May 22. Amount received of the Sarah Musick Bequest. 500 00
\$30,479 64

1900. **DR.**
Oct. 1. For Sundry interests received on fund to October 1, 1900..... \$2010 99
1900. **CR.**
Oct. 1. By sundry payments made Wm. Rupp, D. D., as per vouchers to October 1, 1900 \$2010 99

ENDOWMENT FUND STATEMENT.

1899.
Oct. 1. For amount reported to Board..... \$95,958 87
1900.
Sept. 21. For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, from the Wilhelm estate, to June, 1900. 693 94
\$96,652 81
Less for loss in sale of the Simmons property.. 2,000 00
\$94,652 81

STATEMENT OF FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

1900.
Oct. 1. Endowment Fund..... \$94,652 81
Library Fund..... 1,819 96
Smaltz Fund..... 5,000 00
W. A. Wilt Fund..... 833 33
Schaff Prize Fund..... 2,000 75
Sacred Rhetoric Fund..... 473 24
John L. Reigel Fund..... 15,680 00
Jacob Forney Fund..... 1,000 00
Henry Wirt Fund..... 1,000 00
Louis E. Schriver Fund..... 1,000 00
Seminary Class, '94, Fund..... 981 00
Pittsburgh Professorship Fund..... 30,479 64
\$154,920 73

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1900.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the accounts as presented correct.

JOHN W. APPEL,
JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Oct. 4, 1900.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to present the following report:

The number of students in attendance during the last scholastic year was one hundred and sixty-two. Of these twenty-three were in the collegiate department and the rest were in the lower departments. The graduating class of 1900 was the largest in the history of the institution, numbering eight. Of these six were young men and two were young ladies. Two of the young men are students for the ministry. One of these is now in the Seminary, at Lancaster, and the other in the Ursinus School of Theology, at Philadelphia. Last year was a prosperous year.

The improvements upon and additions to the Ladies' Boarding Hall were completed during the year. The Hall is now nicely fitted up and is a convenient and comfortable home for the lady boarders. Catawba is now well equipped for receiving and educating the girls of the church.

Considerable repairs, refitting and painting have been done upon the main College buildings. The grounds have been improved and new fences built. The Library is being added to all the while and is now a United States Government Depository.

No additions were made to the Endowment Fund during the year, which is to be greatly regretted. Synod should take measures to complete the \$17,000.00 endowment.

Allow us to call the attention of Synod to the necessity of this fund and to urge that steps be taken to complete it as speedily as possible.

The Treasurer's receipts during the last scholastic year amounted to \$5,500.00. Of this \$1,500.00 was a loan and this was expended on the improvements. If the obligations of Synod to the College should be promptly met, and the interest on the Endowment and tuition bills paid with reasonable promptness, the annual receipts would be sufficient to meet the current expenses. We ask the Synod to urge upon Classes and pastors to raise the amounts apportioned for the College. We have been depending upon the aid promised and employed all teachers with the expectation of receiving it, and unless it is forthcoming the College will greatly suffer in the near future for the lack of funds to carry on its work.

Changes in the teaching force have been made during the past year. Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D.D., for so many years the honored President of the institution, resigned during the Commencement week last May. His resignation was accepted by the Trustees at a subsequent meeting, and the Hon. Charles H.

Mebane, now Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of North Carolina was elected President. He has taken charge of the work and will devote his entire time to the College after the first of January, 1901, his office of State Superintendent expiring at that time.

Prof. Jacob C. Leonard B.D., resigned the chair of English at the same time. His resignation was accepted and Prof. Louis R. Wilson, A.B., was elected to that place.

Rev. Joseph L. Murphy was elected President of the Board of Trustees in place of Judge M. L. McCorkle, deceased.

We refer with great satisfaction and pride to the interest taken a year ago in Catawba College by the Ohio Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Eastern Synod by appropriating funds for the new buildings.

While no definite plans for the new buildings have been decided upon, and while it was thought best by the Trustees not to attempt to erect the buildings this year, the matter has not been abandoned, and it is hoped that work will be begun early in the summer of 1901, and that it will be pushed to a speedy completion. We ask the sympathy and aid of our friends throughout the Church in this noble enterprise.

The outlook for the College is good. Increased interest is manifested in our work at Catawba. We have one hundred and thirty-seven students on our roll and doubtless many additions will be made from time to time during the present year. Every effort is being put forth to increase the efficiency of the College, and we confidently look forward to the time in the near future when Catawba College will stand in the front rank among the best Colleges in our Southland.

The terms of the following Trustees will expire in 1901: Hon. L. R. Whitener, J. F. Smyre, P. W. Whitener, M. J. Rowe, W. E. Deal, and W. A. Pence, and their successors should be chosen at this meeting of Synod. Asking the continued interest and sympathy of the Synod in our educational work in the South, this report is

Most respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH L. MURPHY, *President.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

• *To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Education respectfully reports. The following documents were referred to us for consideration:

The Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

The Catalogue of the Woman's College, at Frederick, Md.

The Catalogue and Prospectus of Massanutten Academy.

The Report of Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

The Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

The Report of the Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

The Report of the Board of Education of this Synod.

The Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

A communication from Pittsburg Synod with reference to the Swander Lectureship in the Theological Seminary.

From these documents we rejoice to learn of the prosperity of the several institutions of learning under the care of this Synod. Without exception all our schools are in a prosperous condition.

From the report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College we learn with pleasure of the increasing prosperity of our institutions at Lancaster. A larger number of students are enrolled in the College and Academy than ever before in the history of these institutions. Sixty-six new men were enrolled in the College and over fifty in the Academy this fall. The equipment of the College is steadily increasing; and, when the new Science Building is finished, the College will be fully prepared to do all the work the Church may rightly demand.

In view of all these facts we offer the following:

Resolved, That the College with its increasing needs be commended anew to the interest, support and prayers of the pastors and people within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That men and women endowed with abundant means be called upon to consecrate more of their wealth to the holy cause of Christian education.

Resolved, That we place the Synod upon record as heartily endorsing the work of collecting funds for the Science Building, and ask pastors and people to respond without further delay to the call for immediate subscriptions to the Science Building Fund.

Resolved, That Franklin and Marshall Academy be recommended to the confidence and support of parents who have

sons to educate. A large proportion of students, after completing their Academic work here, enter the Freshman Class of Franklin and Marshall College.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn that, owing to reduced rates of interest received from the securities held by the Board, and owing to the increased expenses incurred annually since the erection of the Seminary Building, the income is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the Seminary.

In view of this fact we offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Church be called to the imperative necessity of increasing the Endowment Fund, and that our pastors be urged to co-operate with the Seminary Faculty in bringing the needs of the Seminary before those who are in a position to increase the endowment.

Resolved, That in response to the request of the Board of Trustees we again apportion \$600 temporarily to meet the deficiency in the income of the Seminary.

From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., has proposed to pay \$1,200, accrued interest on the Swander Fund, as soon as the Seminary Faculty shall have made arrangements for its use. The Pittsburgh Synod proposes that the money shall be used for a lectureship. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod authorizes the establishment by the Board of Visitors of a lectureship, the expense of which shall be met by the accrued interest, referred to above; and that Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., be chosen as the first lecturer.

Resolved, That in response to the request of the Board we again apportion \$200 towards meeting the expense of providing a teacher of elocution.

The report of the Board of Education calls attention to its empty treasury, and also to the fact that \$33.72 are due the Treasurer, this amount having been advanced by him to meet the obligations of the Board. In view of this fact we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Synod calls the attention of the Classes to this matter and urges upon them the necessity of providing for a more prompt and hearty support of the work of the Board.

From the report of the Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., we learn that the past year has been the most successful one in the history of this young and vigorous institution. In every department there was an improvement over preceding years. The number of students enrolled during the last year was 157, of whom 14 were graduated at the

last Commencement. The total receipts for the year were \$15,620.87, the expenses \$15,363.17, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$255.70. On June 10, 1900, the institution had on hand, as assets, in furniture, fixtures, supplies, etc., \$3,200. The invested Endowment Fund is \$22,533.42. We note with satisfaction the number of improvements, which have been made in the equipment of the School. The enrolment of the present year to date is 144.

We offer the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That we note with satisfaction the continued prosperity of the Woman's College, and commend it anew to the patronage and support of the Church.

Resolved, That we urge upon all our pastors the importance of bringing the advantages of this institution to the favorable notice of all our families which may have daughters to educate.

Resolved, That in order to increase the efficiency and usefulness of the College it is important that its Endowment Fund should be increased, and that we commend it to all persons of means within our bounds and elsewhere as an object worthy of their benefactions.

From the report of the Regents of Mercersburg College the following facts are gleaned, which call for particular attention. Last year was the most successful in the history of the institution; yet the first term of the present year shows an increased attendance. One hundred and eighty-two students are on the roll. There is a gain of twenty boarders over last year. The earnings of the School last year exceeded the expenses by \$6,558. A new building, known as Keil Hall, a modern and completely equipped college building, constructed of good material and artistically decorated, is finished and is ready for use.

Your Committee offers the following for the consideration of the Synod:

1. The Board of Regents and President William Mann Irvine, Ph.D., are hereby congratulated upon the continued prosperity and growth of Mercersburg College.

2. The Synod again commends the College to our Reformed people and particularly to the fathers and mothers of the Church, whose confidence the institution deserves.

3. The Synod learns with pleasure of the completion of Keil Hall, named in memory of Mrs. Sarah Salome Keil, by reason of the generosity of her son, Mr. Jacob T. Keil, of Pittsburg, Pa., a former student of Mercersburg College, and expresses its appreciation of the liberality of Mr. Keil and others who have already contributed to the sum needed for the erection of this building.

4. In order that the money needed for the full payment

of Keil Hall may be in hand at an early date, attention is called to the remaining indebtedness, and our people are respectfully asked to give their confidence and aid to the representatives of the College.

From the report of the Trustees of Catawba College we learn with pleasure of the continued prosperity of this institution in the South. During the past scholastic year 162 students were in attendance, of whom 8 were graduated at the last Commencement. Improvements have been made in the Ladies' Boarding Hall, on the main College buildings, and on the grounds.

The attention of the Synod is called to the importance of completing the endowment of \$17,000, which this Synod has undertaken to raise for the College. The Synod is also respectfully, but earnestly, requested to raise the amount apportioned for the College, inasmuch as all teachers are employed with the expectation of receiving it.

Rev. J. C. Clapp, D.D., who for many years was the President of the institution, has resigned. The position was filled by the election of Hon. Chas. H. Mebane, who is now Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of North Carolina, and who has taken charge of the work, and is expected to give his entire time to the College after January, 1901.

The following is offered for adoption:

Resolved, That all the Classes in this Synod are urged to assume the entire amount apportioned for Catawba College, and that all the congregations be urgently requested to pay the entire apportionment.

With reference to Massanutten Academy the following is offered:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity of this, the youngest educational institution of the Reformed Church; and that we recommend it to the earnest consideration and the liberal support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*.

The chairman of the committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., under item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, reported that the committee had not held any meeting during the past year. The committee was continued, and somewhat changed, as follows: Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., A. S. Weber, I. M. Motter, M. O. Noll, H. M. J. Klein, J. D. Andrew, W. E. Krebs, L. T. Lampe, and E. O. Keen.

Under item 4 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was presented and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee to assist the Financial Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College in raising funds for the erection of the Science Building, at Lancaster, held one meeting during the year and several meetings in connection with this meeting of the Synod. At a meeting held at Hanover, Pa., on April 30, 1900, your Committee requested the members of the Faculty of the College to assist the Committee and the Financial Secretary in canvassing the various charges in the Synod. Owing to various causes, but mainly to the fact that so many other worthy objects claimed the attention of our pastors and congregations, comparatively little was done during the year. Only three charges were canvassed during the year, the Financial Secretary having devoted the larger portion of his time and energy to work in the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods.

The whole amount pledged towards the amount needed for the building is \$27,322.45, while the amount needed to complete the building is \$55,000. Of the pledges secured this Synod has given \$4,758.75, of which \$253.25 remains unpaid. As Potomac Synod's section of the building will cost \$15,000 there remains a little more than \$10,000 still to be raised.

In the judgment of your Committee it is imperative that the work should be speedily pushed to completion. The Science Building is now well under way; and it ought to be completed within the year. In order that it may be accomplished, it is imperative that the pastors open the door for the canvass of their respective charges. The President of the College has assured your Committee that both he and Dr. Schiedt are willing to give every possible assistance in presenting the cause of the College to our people in canvassing the several charges.

Your Committee, therefore, offers the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod recognizes the imperative need for immediate and vigorous action on the part of all our pastors and charges in the work of raising funds for the completion of the Science Building of Franklin and Marshall College.

Resolved, That the pastors of the Synod are urgently requested to make arrangements speedily for the presentation of this object to their people.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*.

At the election for the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday forenoon, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and A. S. Weber were re-elected members of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for the term of ten

years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. D. Miller were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; Revs. G. B. Resser, I. N. Peightel, and Elder S. Hoeflich were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years; Elder A. C. McCardel for five years and Elder J. Gassman for four years, Directors of Woman's College; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. W. Santee were elected members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for four years; Elders Jacob H. Schriver and J. Taylor Motter were chosen Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years, and E. A. Shulenberger for four years.

The following persons were nominated at the same time for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Elders L. R. Whitner, L. M. Peeler, M. J. Rowe, and L. Everhart.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. D. Miller, for three years; Revs. G. B. Resser, A. S. Weber, and I. N. Peightel, for two years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and J. T. Rossiter, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Revs. G. B. Resser, I. N. Peightel, and Elder S. Hoeflich, for three years; Revs. F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier, and M. O. Noll, for two years; Elder A. R. Schnebly, and Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz, for one year.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Elder A. C. McCardel, for five years; J. Gassman, for four years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for three years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for two years and Elder W. H. Lakin, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. W. Santee, for four years; Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schaeffer, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders J. H. Schriver and J. T. Motter, for six years; Elders J. H. Cost and E. A. Shulenberger, for four years; Elders I. Laucks and S. N. Hench, for two years.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally refer-

red to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Concerning the work of the past year your Board of Missions presents the following items:

1. *New Fields.* Pastors have been secured for new missions within your bonds as follows: Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa.; St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.; Packerton, Pa.; High Point and Lexington, N. C., and St. Mark's Baltimore, Md. These enrollments were all made by the General Board, notwithstanding the fact of a large debt; but they were made also in the good hope that the Church will see the necessity of this enlarged work in promising fields and will come to the help of these missions.

2. *Loans pledged.* Your Board found it necessary to pledge more money than is now in the treasury for the building of churches in our missions; and we trust that special effort may be made to secure Church-building Funds toward meeting this large demand. Only as we help our missions to secure permanent homes can we expect them to prosper as they should.

3. *Church-building Funds* have been received as follows: The Blanche Harnish Fund, from the estate of Miss Blanche Harnish, of the Alexandria charge, Huntingdon county, Pa.; The Gettysburg Classis Fund, completed by said Classis; The William Calvin Blessing Fund, from Mrs. George P. Blessing, of Martinsburg, W. Va., in loving memory of her only son; and The Memorial Thank-offering Fund, from the Sunday-school of St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa.

4. *The Church in Washington, D. C.* We again bring to your attention the building of a Memorial Church in the National Capitol. This matter has in various ways been brought to the attention of the Church during the last twelve months, and efforts have been made to secure \$30,000 for this purpose; but up to this time not quite \$4,000 have been paid. This money is in charge of Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, subject to the order of the trustees of that body, and is on interest. We trust that the Synods may give to the work such impetus as will speed it to early completion.

5. *A grateful offering.* The Mission in Stockton, Cal., being unable to maintain its existence, sold its church property by authority of the District Court; and the trustees, in consid-

Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$10 00	
Reading Classis, for Olivet Church, Reading, Pa.	75 00	
Reading Classis, for Faith Church, Reading, Pa.	75 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Bethel charge.....	175 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Catawba charge....	60 93	
North Carolina Classis, for Lenoir Mission....	20 00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Reading Classis, for Mrs. Harsanyi	5 00	
Miss Ranck's S. S. Class, for Mrs. Harsanyi....	3 00	\$431 93
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Paid as designated.....		\$431 93

3.—CHURCH BUILDINGS.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

West Susquehanna Classis.....	\$223 00	
Schuylkill Classis.....	21 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	150 00	
Reading Classis	350 00	
Lebanon Classis	120 85	
Lehigh Classis	165 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	112 50	
Tohickon Classis	290 12	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	99 12	
Lancaster Classis	261 70	\$1,793 20

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

The Catharine Trone and Richard B. Schmidt Fund	\$220 00	
The John H. and Anna M. Girvin Fund.....	461 50	
Money from Reformed Church, Stockton, Cal., used to complete the Girvin Fund.....	38 50	
The William Calvin Blessing Fund.....	500 00	
Balance on the Pontius Fund.....	500 00	\$1,720 00

LOANS REPAID.

Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.....	\$200 00	
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C.....	63 00	
Messiah Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	182 00	
Reformed Church, Timberville, Va.....	25 00	
Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on note.....	100 00	
Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on mortgage..	800 00	
Faith Church, Salisbury, N. C.....	300 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	200 00	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.....	250 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., on Sioux City Loan.....	1,000 00	
The Trustees of Ref'd Church, Stockton, Cal...	1,362 10	\$4,482 10

4.—LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899.....	\$2,514 92	
Mrs. Malinda M. Acker, Uwchland, Pa.....	500 00	\$3,014 92
		\$11,010 31

DISBURSEMENTS

C. M. Boush, Treas., apportionment for Church-Building	\$1,793 29
To complete the Girvin Fund.....	38 50
Balance of Stockton, Cal., money for general	

treasury, after restoring the Welker legacy, (see note appended).....	\$73 60	
Loan to Burlington, N. C.....	500 00	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 17, 1900.....	\$8,604 92	\$11,010 31

5.—INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899.....	\$994 64	
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.....	38 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	05 00	
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.....	40 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas. Church-building.....	281 62	
Estate of Miss Susan M. Pontius.....	450 00	
Grace Church, Altoona, Pa.....	25 00	
Grace Church, Washington, D. C., on loan.....	50 00	
Maryland Classis.....	145 00	
Heidelberg Church, Thomasville, N. C.....	18 41	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	36 00	
Reformed Church, Timberville, Va.....	9 37	
Grace Church, Allentown, Pa.....	60 00	
Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va.....	45 00	
Wyoming Classis, on Scranton bond.....	10 00	
Reformed Church, Parryville, Pa.....	50 00	
On the Acker Legacy.....	25 00	
Reformed Church, Lykens, Pa.....	10 00	
Mrs. Leah Sidel.....	90 00	
Tioga Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	20 00	
Dividend on Spangler Legacy.....	37 50	
Balance of Stockton, Cal., money.....	73 60	\$2,604 14

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Aaron Noll, Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$50 00	
Faith Mission, Salisbury, N. C.....	200 00	
Grace Mission, Washington, D. C.....	10 00	
Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., loan.....	05 00	
Taxes on Astoria, Ore., property.....	16 35	
Traveling expenses of the Board, Stationary, and Postage.....	94 96	
Salary of the Secretary.....	75 00	
Salary of the Treasurer.....	75 00	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 17, 1900.....	1,087 83	\$2,604 14

Respectfully submitted, JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*
HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 17, 1900.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—During the year the Board received from the trustees of the Reformed church of Stockton, Cal., \$1,362.10, the net proceeds of the sale of their church property. The treasurer was instructed to apply this money, as noted in his report, as follows: (1) \$1,250 to restore the Jacob Welker legacy to its original sum, this amount having been lost by depreciation of value in the Sioux City, Ia., church property; (2) \$38.50 to complete the Girvin Fund; (3) the balance, \$73.60, to the general treasury.
J. J. N.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 17, 1900.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above report and found it correct, as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
J. RAUCH STEIN.

Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: In compliance with the instructions of the General Board of Home Missions, I herewith forward for your use copies of our report with statistical table ending March 31st, 1900.

There is nothing new since that date, that would materially change the report.

During the past year the meetings of the Board and Executive Committee have been held at the appointed times; the members have been prompt and regular in attendance; the meetings have been characterized by a spirit of harmony and unanimity; the wisest counsel has been sought and the best judgment exercised in the disposal of the interests committed to our care. The Board had sought to execute its trust according to the knowledge at its command, diligently, faithfully and justly for the best interests of the church and the glory of God.

The year has been characterized by a good measure of success. Our missionaries have been loyal and faithful. None have been called from their labors by death.

All appropriations due them have been paid as they fell due, but to do this we have been compelled to borrow large sums of money. This would not be necessary, if the amounts assumed had been promptly paid and to continue to pay so much for interest, will prove ruinous to the cause of missions.

Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, Financial Secretary of the Board, resigned the position with the end of his year, Aug. 31. The Board hopes soon to secure a suitable successor.

The series of the 20th Century Tracts, 13 in number, with an issue of 50,000 copies of each has been printed, and is now being sent out for distribution, in accordance with a plan agreed upon. If these tracts are properly distributed and our people are encouraged to read them, we may hope for good results.

The cost (\$600) has not been taken out of the general treasury, but has been paid by five generous elders of our Church.

In conclusion let me emphasize a few things in the accompanying report deserving special attention.

1. To make suitable provision for the observance of the Day of Prayer during the week of prayer in 1901.

2. To take such action as will give all our people who have not already done so, an opportunity to make a contribution to the *Memorial Reformed Church of Washington, D. C.*, during the current year.

3. To carefully and prayerfully consider the finances of the Board and to take such action as may seem best to awaken pastors and people to our present opportunities and the duty that devolves upon us. If we can secure the full amounts as-

sumed by the several Synods we can pay our debt and do aggressive work. Surely, it would be neither difficult nor burdensome to do this.

We have a distinctly marked and promising field for missionary effort and we dare not be recreant to so sacred a trust. We therefore hopefully and expectantly commend the cause to you and pray God's blessing upon you in your present sessions.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

Pres. Gen'l Board of Home Missions.

October 3, 1900.

Report of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN:—During the last year the steady progress of our Missionary work in Japan has been more or less interrupted by complications arising from the retirement, absence and failure of the health of several of our Missionaries. The retirement of Mrs. Gill (nee Hollowell), the complete break-down of Miss Rohrbaugh's health, necessitating her return to this country, and the but partial convalescence of Miss Zurfluh from a severe attack of typhoid fever, for a time seriously threatening the efficiency of the Girls School. The withdrawal of Rev. W. E. Hoy to go to China, the continued disability of Rev. Dr. Moore, who had come to America for recuperation, the occurrence of Rev. H. K. Miller's furlough, and the engagement of Rev. Snyder in the service of the Bible Societies, very seriously interrupted the onward flow of our work. But in the good Providence of God, with all these unfavorable incidents, our work suffered no material injury. The annual reports, recently to hand, present as favorable an exhibit as we have had for the preceding year or two. Of course, our Missionaries at work were oppressed with unusual burdens.

The Girls School suffered little or no damage. The number of scholars was full, and with the temporary aid of other members of the Mission, accomplished a very successful year. Its enrollment during the year was sixty-three scholars; eleven were graduated, six were baptized during the year, one died, the second since the establishment of the school, and of the whole number thirty-six were Christians. The majority of the non-Christians were new scholars.

The whole number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin for the year was 168, average attendance 121. These are largely in the lower classes. In consequence of the disabilities imposed by the Educational Department of the Government upon the students of Mission Schools, in the way of liability to military

duty, and unfavorable discrimination in appointments under the Government, as the students advance, many withdraw and enter the Government schools. This very unfavorably effects the number entering the Theological Department, and cuts the number of native evangelists short. There is a deficiency at the present time. The outlook, however, is that the Government will abate its restrictions and again open the way for a more successful prosecution of our school work. Five students were baptized during the year, and most of the non-Christians are more or less earnest inquirers.

Notwithstanding the hindrances encountered, the evangelistic work has been encouragingly prosperous. With a shortage in native workers, and increased labor devolving upon the Missionaries, the gathering in of souls slightly exceeded that of the year preceding. The number of baptisms was 210 and the number of Church members has nearly regained the figures reduced a few years ago by the great shrinkage, so that the number now reported closely approximates 2,000.

During the year, in accordance with the instructions of General Synod, and to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mrs. Gill, five new Missionaries were sent out, Revs. W. E. Lampe, A. K. Faust, both married, and Misses Sadie Lea Weidner and Lucy M. Powell, to Japan, and Rev. Frederick Cromer, to the China field.

The Board took steps to plant the new Mission in China as directed by General Synod. Rev. W. E. Hoy proceeded to China in advance of Rev. F. Cromer, whom later he met at Shanghai. Together they proceeded to Hankow, some 600 miles up the Yangtze River, and betook themselves to the study of the language. Together they made an excursion into the neighboring province of Hunan, where it is proposed to plant the new Mission, and selected the city of Yo-chou as the location, which is about 150 miles up the river from Hankow. In the early summer they returned to Japan, provided with facilities for continuing the study of the Chinese language, with the expectation of returning to China in September. Should, however, the present excited conditions in China continue to render it unsafe for them to do so, they expect to go to Nagasaka, at the southern extremity of Japan, and quite near China, and there await the time when it will be safe for them to proceed to their chosen field.

The Board would beg to add, in conclusion, that it will readily occur to your Reverend Body that the advance steps taken in our foreign work, in obedience to the instructions of General Synod, will require a material increase in its receipts. For this, that body, at its last meeting, made provision by increasing the amount of its apportionment. We would, therefore, most respectfully request your Reverend Body to note

this fact, and to take such action as will secure to the Board the amount of contributions which will be necessary to enable it to accomplish the sacred work committed to its hands; at least, the full sum of the apportionment.

In behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Aug. 27, 1900.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The following papers have been referred to your Committee:

The Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions ending March 31st, 1900.

A supplemental report of the Board till the present time.

The report of Rev. A. C. Whitmore, Superintendent of Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.

The report of J. J. Nissley, Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.

The report of S. N. Callender, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and Items 7 and 8 from the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

From these we learn that the Board of Home Missions has on the roll 98 missions, that the effort to make the missions self-supporting is never lost sight of, that Wednesday of the week of prayer is set apart as a day of prayer for God's blessing upon our home missionary work, that a series of tracts on the twentieth century movement, numbering sixty thousands are being circulated, that the church building funds are growing in numbers, that new missions are being established as rapidly as the funds will allow, that the funds for the Memorial Church in Washington are being collected, that Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, the Financial Secretary of the Board, resigned.

The Board requests the Synod to urge the Classis to make every effort to collect the apportionments, to take such action as will give to all our people who have not already done so an opportunity to make a contribution to the Memorial Church of Washington, D. C., during the current year, to carefully consider the finances of the Board and to take such action as will secure the amount needed for the work, to make special efforts to secure church building funds.

From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions it learns that, though the work has been interfered with by circumstances over which the Board had no control, yet the work has gone forward and the outlook is promising; that five new

missionaries have been sent out, viz: Revs. W. E. Lampe, A. K. Faust, both married, and Misses Sadie Lea Weidner and Lucy M. Powell to Japan and Rev. Frederick Cromer to the China field; that the Board took steps to establish a mission in China and committed the work to Revs. W. E. Hoy and F. Cromer; that the unfortunate outbreak in China has for the time being interfered somewhat with the further prosecution of the work there. The Board further urges the Synod to recognize the increased financial responsibility of the Board and to urge upon the Classes to contribute at least the full sum of the apportionment.

Resolved, 1. That we acknowledge the goodness of God in blessing the labors of the Boards, and in opening up new fields of usefulness for extending the Kingdom of God.

Resolved, 2. That Synod requests the pastors to observe Wednesday of the week of prayer of 1901 as a day of special prayer for missions.

Resolved, 3. That the establishment of Church Building funds be commended to the Classes with the request that the attention of congregations and individuals be called to the success of this special feature of the work.

Resolved, 4. That the Classes be requested to urge upon the pastors to give every member of the Churches in the Synod an opportunity to make a contribution to the Memorial Church in Washington.

Resolved, 5. That in answer to the request of the Board in reference to a Memorial Church in Washington, D. C., we desire that an opportunity be given to every member, confirmed and unconfirmed, within our bounds; and owing to the necessity of early action in the case we request the missionary, Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick, to bring this action to the attention of every pastor of this Synod, in the hope that at as early a day as possible the offering may be made.

Resolved, 6. That Classes be requested to raise in full the apportionments for Home Missions.

Resolved, 7. That the Synod rejoices in the additions that have been made to the force of Foreign Missionaries and at the beginning of the missions in China.

Resolved, 8. That the Classes be urgently requested to raise the apportionments for this cause and to scatter as far as possible the facts connected with the encouraging labors of our missionaries in the Foreign field.

Resolved, 9. That the Board be encouraged to persevere in establishing the mission in China.

Respectfully submitted,

CONRAD CLEVER, *Chairman*.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested and urged to make more effective their plan of presenting the needs of the Board through personal touch with our people.

The Committee under item 13 of Report on Minutes of Synod reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Synod's Committee on the Twentieth Century Movement begs leave to report, that by correspondence with the Stated Clerks of the Classes it learned that all the Classes except Virginia Classis had appointed committees to carry out the request of the Synod for meetings in the interest of said movement.

Respectfully submitted ,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and L. E. Coblentz were elected members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and L. E. Coblentz, four years; Rev. C. A. Santee, three years; Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller, two years; and Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from October 25, 1899, to October 23, 1900.

1899.

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Oct. 23.	To balance on hand.....	\$	476 97
	Amounts received from Classes as follows:		

MARYLAND CLASSIS

Nov. 24.	For Catawba College.....	\$	149 87
	" Calvin College		43 00
	" Theological Seminary		112 20
	" Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.		51 00
	" Contingent Fund, Gen'l Synod.		127 50
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			\$483 57

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

For	Calvin College	\$29 00
"	Theological Seminary	95 00
"	Catawba College	93 00

For	Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.	\$18 00	
"	Contingent Fund, Gen'l Synod..	45 00	
		<hr/>	\$280 00

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

For	Calvin College	\$18 48	
"	Theological Seminary	51 74	
"	Catawba College	51 74	
"	Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.	15 30	
		<hr/>	\$137 26

ZION'S CLASSIS.

For	Calvin College	\$12 24	
"	Theological Seminary	31 22	
"	Catawba College	41 68	
"	Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.	17 96	
"	Contingent Fund, Gen'l Synod	27 93	
		<hr/>	\$131 03

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

For	Theological Seminary	\$129 00	
"	Catawba College	143 00	
"	Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.	31 00	
"	Contingent Fund, Gen'l Synod	155 00	
		<hr/>	\$458 00

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

For	Theological Seminary	\$128 00	
"	Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.	30 00	
"	Contingent Fund, Gen'l Synod	75 00	
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NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund, Potomac Syn.	\$15 00	
"	Contingent Fund, Gen'l Synod	75 00	
		<hr/>	\$90 00

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Oct. 23.	To balance due Treasurer.....	\$1 06	
		<hr/>	\$2,290 89

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By expenditures as follows:

Nov. 10.	Paid Rev. L. E. Coblentz, expenses of Synod at Baltimore	\$25 00
Dec. 12.	Paid Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias for services in Holland	100 00
1900.		
Jan. 9.	Paid Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, postage and incidentals	15 00
Feb. 10.	Paid Fidelity and Deposit Co., Baltimore, Md., for Treasurer's bond	25 00
Feb. 17.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk, to January 1, 1900.....	100 00
Feb. 27.	Paid Reformed Publication Board, printing 3,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod.....	165 72
May 11.	Paid Rev. J. A. Foil, on account of Catawba College	181 00
May 14.	Paid Rev. N. H. Skyles, expenses to Lancaster, Pa., meeting of the Board of Visitors.....	11 00
May 14.	Paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses to Lancaster, Pa., meeting of the Board of Visitors.....	3 00
May 29.	Paid Rev. J. S. Keiffer, expenses to Lancaster, Pa., meeting of the Board of Visitors.....	3 30

May 31.	Paid J. H. Weibert, Treasurer, interest on Brech-	
	bill legacy	\$12 00
June 11.	Paid J. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Sem-	
	inary, Lancaster, Pa.....	419 18
Aug. 17.	Paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, on account of	
	Catawba College	281 29
July 12.	Paid Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, expenses to meeting	
	of Board of Education.....	19 55
July 12.	Paid Rev. Geo. B. Resser, expenses, meeting of	
	Board of Education.....	1 70
Oct. 17.	Paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba	
	College	17 00
Oct. 17.	Paid Rev. H. J. Reutenik, Treasurer, for Calvin	
	College	102 72
Oct. 17.	Paid Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological	
	Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.....	128 00
Oct. 17.	Paid W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer, for General	
	Synod	580 43
Oct. 17.	Geo. N. Forney, salary as Treasurer of Synod....	100 00
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		\$2,290 89

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's Report, with accompanying vouchers, and found it correct.

We have made the following apportionment which we believe will meet the requirements of the Synod for the coming year:

CLASSES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among Germans.	Harbor Missions.	Benevolent Education.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	Contingent Fund.	Totals.
Maryland	\$ 3050	\$1000	\$ 250	\$245	\$ 35	\$ 820	\$185	\$195	\$125	\$ 6455
Gettysburg	1800	800	165	140	28	500	130	145	75	3081
Juniata	1800	900	165	140	28	500	130	145	80	3978
Zion's	1150	700	140	120	21	435	95	120	65	2846
Mercersburg	1150	600	140	95	20	435	90	85	50	2665
Carlisle	825	400	90	40	11	260	65	60	35	1786
Virginia	425	300	80	30	10	210	50	00	35	1200
North Carolina	550	450	90	30	11	200	55	90	35	1571
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Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. Hoffhelms, Chairman.

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod: Carlisle Classis, \$54.83; Virginia Classis, \$15.00; Zion's Classis, \$7.00.

Contingent Fund of General Synod: Carlisle Classis, \$50.82; Virginia Classis, \$37.50; Zion's Classis, \$34.57.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Trustees respectfully presents the following annual report, to wit:

The Board held its annual meeting in Hanover, Pa., October 12th, 1900, at 11 o'clock, A. M. All members were present.

The Board organized by the election of Elder Jacob N. Schriver, *President*, and the Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Vice-President and Secretary*.

Touching the Philip Brechbill legacy of \$200, of which the Synod is the Trustee, the following action was adopted, to wit:

That the Board report progress to the Synod and ask that the matter be continued.

That the matter of the Philip Brechbill Legacy be referred to the Treasurer and Secretary for such action as they may deem necessary.

The Board carefully examined and audited the securities of the Seminary Endowment Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and found bonds, notes and mortgages at their par value, amounting to \$33,000, safely invested and bearing a good rate of interest.

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, with accrued interest, amounts to \$1,704.14.

By order of the Board.

JACOB H. SCHRIVER, *President*.

Attest:—T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary*.

GETTYSBURG PA., October 19, 1900.

Rev. J. W. Pontius was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years from January 1st, 1901.

Members of the Board of Trustees and terms of service: Rev. J. W. Pontius, for five years; Rev. T. J. Barkley, for four years; Elder J. D. Zehring, for three years; Elder J. H. Schriver, for two years; and Elder G. N. Forney, for one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII. COMPLAINTS.

Item 11 of Report on Minutes of Classes was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. W. Pontius, J. D. Andrew and Elder D. M. Kilmer. The committee reported the complaint in order and a process of trial. When the time set for the trial arrived, upon inquiry it was learned that no one was present to prosecute the trial and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the non-appearance of the complainant, either personally or by counsel, the complaint is hereby declared to be abandoned, according to the requirements of the Constitution.

ARTICLE XVIII. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted as follows:

Report of the Sunday-school Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Pentecost:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools had referred to them the following documents:

1. The report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod.
2. The statistical reports of the Sunday-schools of the several Classes.

From the first of these it is learned that the past year has been one of marked prosperity for the Sunday-school Board in its business and publication departments. There has been an increase of \$7,981 in the gross cash receipts of the Board over those of the previous year, and the net profits of the business have amounted to the gratifying sum of \$3,320. The publication of the Sunday-school Hymnal has been one of the important features of the year's work. Hundreds of the schools of the church already having introduced it. Increasing numbers of the schools are using also the Lesson Higgs and Sunday-school papers, and those for the Home Department especially are winning larger favor. In view of these facts we offer the following:

Resolved, That Synod of the Pentecost rejoice to hear of the prosperous condition of the affairs of the Sunday-school Board, and requests the several Classes to urge all Sunday-schools to give continued support to the important work of this Board.

Resolved, That Synod hear with pleasure of the success that has attended the Board in preparing and publishing a

Sunday-school Hymnal, the recognized merits of which entitle it to the large circulation which it has already been given.

Resolved, That this Hymnal and the literature of the Board, especially that pertaining to the Home Department, be cordially commended to the schools of the Synod, as valuable helps for increasing the helpfulness of the schools in the development of Christian character and Christian worship.

From the statistical reports of the Sunday-schools it appears that encouraging progress has been made during the year in increasing the number of officers, teachers and pupils in our schools. In view of the results accomplished, and the importance of securing still larger enrolment and attendance in our schools we suggest the following:

Resolved, That Synod request that in connection with the Twentieth Century Movement special emphasis be laid upon the possibility and importance of bringing added numbers of children and adults into the membership of our schools, and that particular effort be made this year to make the membership of the schools as large as the communicant membership of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WEBER, *Chairman*.

NAMES OF CLASSIS.	No of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total	Average Attendance.	No Open 12 mo.	Renewal Refused	Our Full Membership.	Baptized.	Rec'd Into Membership.	Using Catechism	Reformed Helps.	S. S. Papers	Library Books.	General B'd.	Other Bds.	Benevolent.	Support of Schools.
Zion's ..	35	595	5,444	5,901	2648	19	1340	1048	1704	248	6	13	2060	3310	23	53	457	1567
Maryland	58	1236	7694	8930	3777	41	171	2301	3490	336	20	48	1970	8491	264	673	1060	3891
Mercersburg	30	402	2798	3160	1790	20	108	892	302	111	14	19	605	2427	27	306	242	1563
Virginia	17	328	1858	2193	1001			498	850	52	9	21	249	1815	54	51	23	338
N. Carolina	32	331	2708	3060	1253	13	798	502	937	63	3	17	648	1100	7	108	103	600
Gettysburg	24	502	3130	3641	1580	19	690	1050	2050	141	14	20	120	4150	27	254	450	1420
Carlisle ..	20	378	2439	2792	1674	19	51	933	550	81	17	18	775	1018	70	219	220	1248
Juniata	46	719	4452	5171	2457	24	152	1650	2010	203	22	43	1806	3546	214	332	287	1826
Total	202	4451	30492	34943	16040	155	3220	8448	11861	1235	114	109	8313	26257	692	2016	3442	12438

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following standing rule was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Synod to hear Superintendents of Orphan Homes, Presidents of Colleges, and the several Boards, and others having special business with the Synod, immediately after the appointment of the Standing Committees, and the reference to them of reports and documents.

**ARTICLE XX.
PUBLICATIONS.**

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 19 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$165.72.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

To the Eastern, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication begs leave to submit to your Reverend Bodies its Annual Report as follows:

At a meeting in the City of Lancaster, October 19th, 1899, Mr. Francis E. Heller, of Fort Washington, Pa., was elected Business Manager for the Board at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars per annum, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. C. R. Ferner. At this meeting the Board also, in compliance with the actions of the several Synods on the subject, by an action passed, relieved the Editor of the Messenger of all business care and responsibility, and entrusted everything belonging to the business department of the concern to the hands of the Manager. The Sunday-school Board through its representative, informed our Board that it had consented to this modification of the agreement entered into between the two Boards, May 11th, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board held at the publication rooms, Philadelphia, January 10th, 1900, our Board entered into an agreement with the representatives of the Sunday-school Board to carry on the book business jointly with said Board. The joint business was to begin April 1st, 1900, but by mutual consent of the Managers, the time for putting the arrangement in operation was afterwards deferred to July 1st, 1900. At a meeting of the Board held June 29th, 1900, after further investigation and canvass of the matter, the conclusion was reached that the arrangement agreed upon would not redound to the best interests of the Synods in publication matters and therefore the Board rescinded its action of the January meeting with reference to the joint conduct of the book business. And for

the purpose of avoiding in the future all friction and misunderstandings between the representatives of the two Boards, our Board passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the business of the Publication Board ought to be conducted separate and apart from the Sunday-school Board, and therefore our Manager is instructed to secure quarters for the conducting of our business independent of the Sunday-school Board; this separation to go into effect October 1st, 1900.”

The condition of our plant remains in general the same as it was one year ago. For the purpose of reducing the expenses the printing of the Messenger has been awarded to the “Report Publishing Co.,” of Lebanon, Pa., and in order to procure proper mailing privileges, the name Lebanon had to be added to that of Philadelphia as the place of publication. The subscription list of the Messenger is about the same as last year; that of the Review has been considerably increased. The book business has been remunerative and promises to become more so in the future. We bespeak for this branch of our trade the patronage of ministers and people of the church. Favorable action was taken by the Board at its last meeting on the request of the Potomac Synod that the subscription price of the Messenger be reduced as soon as practicable. The Manager has the matter under consideration.

The financial condition of the plant is shown by the following reports of the Manager, and the Treasurer.

Losses and Gains from Nov. 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	\$4,762 84			
Credits	10,196 61	\$14,959 45	Losses.	Gains.
Inventory, Nov. 1st, 1899...	\$3,508 19			
Debits	9,107 27	\$12,615 46		\$2,343 99

MESSENGER.

Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	\$ 68 76			
Credits	10,498 52	\$10,567 28		
Debits		10,353 48		\$213 80

REVIEW.

Debits		\$723 20		
Credits		710 20	\$13 00	

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory, Nov. 1st, 1899...	\$557 85			
Debits	248 00	\$805 85		
Inventory, July 1st, 1900....	\$727 12			
Credits	62 50	789 62	16 23	

Net gain, November 1st, 1899, to July 1st, 1900.. 2,528 56

\$2,557 79 \$2,557 79

Report of Francis E. Heller, Manager, July 1, 1900.**RESOURCES.**

Cash on hand.....	\$2,847 55	
Merchandise in Book Department.....	4,762 84	
Merchandise in Messenger Department.....	68 76	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$ 727 12	
Accounts Receivable—Book Department.....	1,651 12	
Accounts Receivable—Advertising.....	470 00	
Subscriptions due on Messenger.....	6,644 39	
Subscriptions due on Review.....	182 00	\$17,353 78

LIABILITIES.

Messenger Subscriptions paid in advance.....	\$2,856 78	
Review Subscriptions paid in advance.....	346 50	\$3,203 28
Net Capital.....		\$14,150 50

The above report and the Manager's books were examined and audited by J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper and found correct.

It will be noticed in the above statement the liability of \$1,878.94 of last year's report has not been carried along and that the net capital has accordingly been correspondingly increased.

Report of James T. Reber, Treasurer of the Publication Board, September 1, 1900.

September 22d, 1899, balance in Treasury as per last report.. \$39 34

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Reading & Columbia R. R. bonds...	\$200 00	
Bonus from Sunday-school Board.....	1,000 00	
Interest from Board of Home Missions on Mortgage Bonds.....	150 00	
Last and final distribution of Fisher estate.....	\$17 40	\$1,367 40
		\$1,406 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of members attending meetings of Board.	\$145 75	
Printing Report.....	8 90	
A. W. Bomberger's counsel fee in Fisher estate..	5 00	
June 1st, purchase of Bond Reading & Columbia R. R. Co.....	1,000 00	
Premium on Bond.....	20 00	1,179 65
Balance in Treasury.....		\$227 09

INVESTMENTS.

5 bonds, Reading & Columbia R. R. Co., 5 per cent	\$5,000 00	
1st mortgage bond, Massilon, Ohio, 5 per cent., Board of Home Missions.....	1,000 00	
1st mortgage, Youngstown, Ohio, 5 per cent....	1,000 00	\$7,000 00

The books, papers and report of the Treasurer were examined and audited by J. H. Stein and found correct.

By comparing this report with that of last year it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by \$1,000.00, with almost \$200.00 more cash balance in the Treasurer's hands.

The Board has endeavored to give the matters entrusted to its oversight and care, its most faithful attention and to manage them to the best of its ability. And it is our opinion that publications can be made, much more than they already are, a very useful and efficient department of Church work, and therefore we ask for the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of the Synods, the Classes and the people of the Church in the work in which we are their humble servants.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
Secretary.

W. RUSH GILLAN,
President.

Report of Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, amended and adopted, and as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to offer the following report:

From the annual report of the Board of Publication referred to your committee are gathered the following facts which merit the attention of this Synod, viz: The election of Mr. Francis E. Heller as business manager of the Board; that the subscription list of the *Messenger* has not been increased during the year, that there has been considerable increase in the circulation of the *Review*, that the book business has been enlarged and promises to be a remunerative part of the Board's work, and that the financial condition of the plant as shown by the reports of the manager and treasurer, is to say the least, safe and sound.

On the basis of these facts your committee present the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod expresses its full confidence in the Board's management of the publication interests, and is gratified with the present hopeful condition of this department of the Church's work.

2. That the action of the Board in the election of Mr. Francis E. Heller, as Business Manager, is cordially approved, and the hope is expressed that Mr. Heller with his accredited business qualifications, may advance our publication interests to a degree of prosperity not hitherto attained; and to this end he is commended to the confidence of the ministry and laity of the Church.

3. That the Synod renews its expression of appreciation of the *Messenger* as conducted under the present efficient edi-

torship, and requests pastors and elders to co-operate with the Editor and Business Manager in their efforts toward the larger circulation to which it is entitled and which is so necessary to the furtherance of the various interests of the Church.

4. That while the Synod is gratified to learn of the increased circulation of the *Reformed Church Review*, it bespeaks for it a much larger circulation on the ground of its own superior worth, which is especially evinced in the masterful editorial ability of Dr. William Rupp.

5. That the Synod learns with pleasure of the purpose of the Board to give special attention to the Book Department, and urges our ministry and laity in their book purchases to deal directly with the Reformed Church Publication Board, thereby obtaining for themselves as good terms, if not better, than can be secured elsewhere; and at the same time contributing in greater or less measure to the revenue of the Board.

6. That the Synod recommends to the Board the employment of more effective means for the enlarged circulation of our church literature, and for the sale of church supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BOWMAN, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Publication Board and terms of service: Rev. C. S. Slagle, for three years; W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for two years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10.30 o'clock on Monday forenoon. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. G. G. Everhart, C. Gumbert, and Elders C. M. Zumstein and D. R. Earlenbaugh acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Theological Seminary Boards.

Report of Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

From the annual reports of Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes, and from the addresses made by their respective Superintendents to this body, we rejoice to learn of the constantly increasing efficiency of these splendid institutions of our Church.

At the present time 200 orphans are being cared for in these homes, and 27 of them are from the bounds of this Synod.

While the reports show that all necessary funds for current expenses of the past year were provided, and that generous bequests were made for specific purposes, they also show that the demands upon the homes are increasing. To meet these demands, increased facilities will be needed. In view of these facts we recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity and efficiency of these institutions, and commend them anew through the pastors, to the continued support of the congregations within the bounds of this Synod.

Resolved, That in order to meet the constantly increasing demands upon these homes, we would recommend that an earnest effort be made to increase the Christmas offerings, so that the Church may be enabled to fully discharge her duty to her dependent children.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its gratitude to the Giver of all good for the many rich blessings bestowed upon these institutions during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BRUCE LYTTLE, *Chairman*.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

Resolved, That the Synod anew commends the work of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to our Classes and congregations.

The Officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the minutes of your Reverend Body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year closing with September 30th, 1900:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Sept. 30th, 1899.....	\$3,447 34
From the estate of Daniel Black.....	4,000 00
" loans paid.....	3,198 00
" interest on investments.....	1,003 00
" Collections in the churches.....	1,300 80
" Pittsburgh Synod (special).....	400 00
" royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal.....	185 00
" individual gifts.....	171 00
Total	\$10,705 13

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for investment.....	\$0,800 00
" to fifty-six annuitants.....	3,235 00
" for expenses, salary, printing, postage, revenue stamps and stationery.....	463 80
" to Daniel Stine's Memorial Home.....	402 00
Cash in Treasury, Sept. 30th, 1900.....	2,864 33
Total	\$10,705 13
Invested Fund.....	\$40,035 00

The following Ministers have become members during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Wm. H. Herbert, J. Philip Harner, Frederick Strassner, D.D., Nathaniel Ruetenik, John Phil. Stein, D.D., Stanley R. Krebs, Titus C. Strock, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer S. May, John H. Prugh, D.D., Francis C. Yost, Benjamin Weiss, Edwin R. Williard, D.D., Jonathan V. George, Moritz Heinze, George P. Hartzell, Eugene L. McLean, David J. Wolff, Isaac A. Sites, Franklin W. Brown and Wm. F. Lichliter.

Annual Members.—Revs. J. G. Steinert, George H. Miller, Henry C. Nott and Ernest M. Preuss.

Officers of the Society.—Rev. Wm. M. Deatricks, D.D., president, Bedford, Pa.; Rev. J. David Miller, vice-president, Duncannon, Pa.; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

Assessors.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.; Rev. Harry F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—As the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing with September 30th, 1900:—

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$168 98
Carlisle Classis	70 55
Juniata Classis.....	57 30
Mercersburg Classis	76 08
Zion's Classis	37 98
	\$390 95

EXPENDED.

Paid to 11 Annuitants	\$600 00
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Attention is also called to the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is the property of the Society for Relief, and is carried forward as a department of its work. It is in need of and calls for financial help that it may be successfully maintained.

The officers are:

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Duncannon, Pa.

Rev. Chas. H. Coon, D.D., Secretary, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am,

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER,

Treasurer.

MYERSTOWN, PA., Oct. 1st, 1900.

Items 6, 7 and 10 of the Report on Minutes of Classes were referred for consideration to a special committee consisting of Revs. W. I. Stewart, M. O. Noll and Elder F. R. Bossert. Subsequently the committee offered the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your committee to whom were referred Items 6, 7 and 10 of the Committee on Minutes of Classes submits the following report:

We have carefully considered the overtures from Zion's and Maryland Classes to be exonerated in part from the payment of apportionment on account of Catawba College, and the request of the Classis of North Carolina for a prompt completion of the endowment of Catawba College.

We are impressed with two conditions with respect to this important matter. *First*, that owing to the expense of the canvass by the agent, it is difficult to determine what proportion of the amount collected was set apart for the endowment fund, and that therefore we cannot easily fix the amount raised by each Classis, and the interest due from each Classis. *Second*, that Synod having authorized the collection of \$17,000 for the endowment of Catawba College and having obligated itself for the interest on the amount not collected by the agent of the College, it is not expedient to release the parts of the body from that for which the whole is responsible. Therefore

Resolved, That the Synod cannot excuse any Classis from its share of the interest.

Resolved, That the Classes be urged to promptly pay their share of the apportionment for the interest due.

In response to the request of the Classis of North Carolina we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved. That, owing to the many claims for money upon the Synod, we cannot see our way clear to recommend the prompt completion of the \$17,000 endowment of Catawba College.

Resolved. That the Board of Trustees is hereby encouraged to continue its effort to collect money throughout the Synod.

W. I. STEWART, *Chairman*.

Item 9 of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, E. B. Lytle, and Elder J. H. Stephens, for consideration.

During the session of Saturday forenoon the committee presented the following report which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on "Deaconess Home" begs leave to report that the item referred to them is an overture from Maryland Classis, which we find to be in accord with the recommendation of General Synod on the subject, therefore

Resolved. That this Synod approves of the establishment of such Homes.

Resolved. That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to further investigate this whole subject, and report to next Synod the result of their investigations, and also as to the time and place of its inauguration, if they shall find it feasible to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

Revs. E. R. Deatrick, L. E. Coblentz, G. A. Snyder, and Drs. E. G. Shower and E. C. Kefauver are the committee called for in the report.

Item 2 of Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, for examination, consisting of Revs. H. J. M. Klein, E. S. Hay and Elder J. I. Motter.

The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your committee to whom was referred the book recently published by Rev. S. H. Dietzel, of Cavetown, Md., begs leave to report, that we have examined the work. It is entitled "The Church Member and His Various Relations and Duties to His Home, His Church and His State."

WHEREAS, we believe the work to be altogether worthy and meeting the ends for which it was designed, therefore be it

Resolved. That this Synod commend the book to the Church as being helpful to the members of its congregations, in promoting a love for and a faithfulness to the regular or-

dinances of the Christian Church, as well as in giving them a higher sense of duties to home and responsibility to State.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. J. KLEIN, *Chairman*

The following was adopted: *Resolved*, That the attention of the Classes be called to the urgent request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod to apportion six cents per communicant member for the Church Building funds of the Board of Home Missions.

The following action was unanimously adopted:

It is with regret that this Synod learned of the affliction of Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, Stated Clerk of the Synod, which has prevented him from being present with us in this annual meeting, the first he has missed, therefore

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Synod be and herewith is tendered to him in his affliction, and that we commend him to our Heavenly Father, whose tender mercies are invoked in his behalf, and whose Grace is sufficient for us.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing action be transmitted to Dr. Deatruck.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

On Wednesday afternoon a reportorial committee was appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press.

Shortly before final adjournment, the Committee reported that it had attended to the duty assigned, which was received and adopted.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology; appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod presented its report, which was received, amended, and was adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Necrology.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to report as follows:

During the Synodical year just ended, four of our fellow-laborers in the ministry of reconciliation, members of this Synod, have been called from the labors and trials of the Church militant to the rest and joys of the Church triumphant. All

of them were well advanced in years. Three of them were on the disabled list, as well as superannuated, and only one fell in the harness—in the active work of the ministry.

REV. HENRY ST. JOHN RINKER.

Mr. Rinker was the son of Jacob and Mary Rinker, and was born in Woodstock, Va., February 28th, 1819. He received his education in the institutions of our Church, first in the High School at York, Pa., and later at Marshall College at Mercersburg, Pa., leaving the latter in 1837. He taught school during a number of years in his native village, meanwhile studying theology privately. He was licensed in the Spring of 1842 by the Virginia Classis, assembled in St. John's church, Augusta county, Va. He was commissioned to labor as a missionary by the Classis in Rockingham and Shenandoah counties. In 1844, he was ordained to the office of the ministry and installed as pastor of the Mill Creek charge, consisting at the time of seven congregations. He labored in this, his first field for a period of twenty-eight years, withdrawing from it in 1870. In 1874, Rev. Rinker received and accepted a call to the Lovellsville charge, consisting of only one congregation, thus making his labors less laborious. This field he served acceptably for sixteen years and nine months, closing his ministerial labors there in October, 1890, and retired to his home near Maurertown, Va., where quietly and peacefully he spent the evening of his days.

On the 31st day of January, 1900, he departed this life, aged 80 years, 11 months, and 3 days, and now sleeps sweetly in Jesus.

REV. JACOB HASSLER, D.D.

This well-known minister of our church was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Hassler, and was born in Mercersburg, Pa., August 25th, 1824. He was educated in our institutions, then located at Mercersburg, Pa., graduating from Marshall College in September, 1845. After spending some time in teaching, he entered the Theological Seminary and graduated therefrom in 1849. He was licensed by the Mercersburg Classis at its annual meeting in 1849. In August, 1850, he became the pastor of the Loudon and St. Thomas charge and was ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry in the following December. For eight years he served this pastoral charge. In August, 1858, he removed to Martinsburg, Pa., and became the pastor of the Martinsburg charge. After five years service, in October, 1863, he removed to Shippensburg where he labored until 1869. Thence he went to Boonsboro, Md., where he labored successfully for four years, until September, 1873. During his ministry, Rev. Hassler was instrumental in having four good substantial brick churches built, at St. Thomas, Mar-

tinsburg, Boonsboro and Fort Loudon, the church at Boonsboro costing about ten thousand dollars.

In 1873, he removed to Mercersburg and reorganized the Mercersburg Female Seminary which he conducted successfully until April, 1880. During this time he supplied the Loudon and Fannettsburg churches and continued to do so after his removal to Fort Loudon, in 1884 until 1894, when he became more or less disabled and ceased the active work of the ministry, living retired. Although he was in poor health for several years, his final illness and death came suddenly. He was called to his reward February 7th, 1900, aged 75 years, 5 months and 13 days.

REV. WILLIAM R. H. DEATRICH, D.D.

Mr. Deatrich was born at St. Thomas, Franklin county, Pa., June 28th, 1834. He was the oldest son of John and Mary Deatrich. He spent about four years studying in Marshall Institute at Mercersburg and Franklin Academy at Chambersburg, Pa. He studied theology privately under the Rev. Samuel Philips, at the time pastor of the Reformed church at Chambersburg, at the same time receiving valuable assistance from Revs. Drs. S. R. Fisher, B. S. Schneck and B. Bausman.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Mercersburg Classis, May 22nd, 1860, and ordained to the ministry in the Grindstonehill Church, November 17th, of the same year. His ministerial life was spent in the following pastoral charges, namely: Grindstonehill charge, three and a-half years; Gettysburg Charge, nine and one-half years; Mechanicsburg charge, eight years; and the remainder of his life, from 1881 to April 1st, 1897, as pastor of the New Bloomfield charge, and since the latter date, his ministerial labors were confined to the New Bloomfield congregation.

Dr. Deatrich was an earnest and faithful servant, whose labors have been blessed of the Lord. He died, after a brief illness, "in the harness," as he often expressed a desire might be the case, May 2nd, 1900, aged 65 years, 10 months, and 4 days.

REV. GEORGE R. ZACHARIAS.

Mr. Zacharias was a native of Reading, Pa., and was the son of George and Mary Zacharias, and was born September 20th, 1823. He prepared for the work of the Holy ministry in the institutions of our Church at Mercersburg, Pa., graduating from Marshall College in September, 1852, being a member of the last class that graduated from said College prior to its union with Franklin College, of Lancaster, constituting Franklin and Marshall College.

After an interval of five or six years Mr. Zacharias entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg and grad-

uated from it in the Spring of 1860, and soon afterwards was licensed by the Lebanon Classis. In 1861, he received a call to the Strasburg charge, in Franklin County, Pa., which he accepted, and was ordained by the Mercersburg Classis. This was his first and only pastoral charge, consisting of four small congregations in the northern part of the county, which he served with indifferent success for about two years, and then resigned it, on account of failing health. During the latter part of his life, he suffered a great deal from nervous debility. He died August 24th, 1900, aged 76 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, This Synod is desirous to put on record an expression of its pleasure, in being so hospitably entertained in this educational center by the kind friends of Mercersburg:

Resolved, That the Synod hereby extends its heartfelt thanks to the pastor and members of the congregation, for the use of their Church, during the sessions of Synod, and to the good friends of Mercersburg for their generous and hospitable entertainment.

Resolved, That Pastor Santee be requested to read the foregoing action from his pulpit.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Dr. W. M. Irvine for the hospitality and courtesy shown to the Synod, at different times, during its present sessions.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of the Synod to the General Passenger Agents of the Cumberland Valley Railroad and Western Maryland Railroad for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to

meet in the Reformed Church of Huntingdon, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 15th, A. D. 1901, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 29th, 1900, at 8.45 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

LOUIS ROBB, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIC OF ZION.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.		SUNDRIES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNION.	CONFIRMED.	UNCONFIRMED.	INFANT BAPTISMS.	ADULT BAPTISMS.	CONFIRMED.	CERT. OF RE-FREE.	DISMISSAL.	REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.	DEATHS (CONFIRMED).	DEATHS (UNCONFIRMED).	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.
CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNION.	CONFIRMED.	UNCONFIRMED.	INFANT BAPTISMS.	ADULT BAPTISMS.	CONFIRMED.	CERT. OF RE-FREE.	DISMISSAL.	REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.	DEATHS (CONFIRMED).	DEATHS (UNCONFIRMED).	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.
CONGREGATIONS.	COMMUNION.	CONFIRMED.	UNCONFIRMED.	INFANT BAPTISMS.	ADULT BAPTISMS.	CONFIRMED.	CERT. OF RE-FREE.	DISMISSAL.	REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.	DEATHS (CONFIRMED).	DEATHS (UNCONFIRMED).	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.
Trinity	441	321	323	40	5	14	1	2	10	9	9	144	144
Without charge													
Heidelberg, York	1	489	325	30	2	30	44	5		3		41	408
Zion's, York	1	320	300	17	2	18	12	4		4		26	439
George Stibitz, Ph.D.													
Oliver F. Schellbamer	4	564	900	72	21	41	18	15	30	25	12	43	544
Paradise, York													
Gideon P. Fisher	3	370	281	180	34	19	6	2	40	4	11	51	405
Without charge													
Raymond E. Butz													
Trinity First Reformed	1	486	309	15	1	39	29	3		12	8	24	350
St. John's	2	98	111	3	1	1	1			3	3	21	135
Shrewsbury	4	480	345	33	15	15		6	4	16	6	4	215
Grace, York	1	273	241	259	15	2	14	4	10	6	4	1	20
Without charge													
Memorial, York	1	184	136	12	2	12	20	8	17	6		30	308
Dillsburg	4	258	174	152	8	4	1	5	20	10	6	23	254
Gethany, York	1	60	24	25	10	12	6	4		1		20	150
Israel S. Leiby	2	474	303	18	12	12	16	3	5	2	2	22	167
Chas. P. Kehl, supply	7	37	35	46	3	4	1			1	2	16	175
Without charge													
Lebanon, York Co., Pa.	1	28	32	20								13	78

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Total, 18.

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CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.										LOSSES.		S. S. STA-TISTICS.		CONTRIBU-TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		ADDITIONS.														Benevolent Pur-pose.	Congregational Purpose.		
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. of Re-Profit.	Dismissed.	Recommen-ded.	Transfer of Name.	Deaths, Communi-ties.	Deaths, Transf'd.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teach-ers.				Scholars.	Students for Ministry.
Joe. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	570	475	514	34	14	9	17	18	18	9	1	66	575	2	2360	3396	Merceburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	1	492	408	225	26	20	15	6	5	5	4	2	45	280	2	873	2200	1628 N. Calvert St., Balto., Md.
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangelical Ref., Frederick	1	824	476	396	33	23	7	8	1	1	1	1	34	305	2	1661	2771	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
J. Spangler Kiefer, D.D.	Zion	1	192	167	51	13	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	20	200	2	173	373	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.
Joel T. Roester, D.D.	First	2	318	255	62	11	5	4	6	6	6	6	1	30	344	2	971	2000	1822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeister	Mt. Pleasant	1	318	255	62	11	5	4	6	6	6	6	1	30	344	2	971	2000	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick Co., Md.
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third	3	306	239	265	21	2	10	5	5	5	5	1	35	357	1	342	657	515 W. Mulberry St., Balto., Md.
Ellas M. Hench	Utica	1	185	132	140	19	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	18	185	1	215	1011	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Without charge	1	185	132	140	19	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	18	185	1	215	1011	175 Lacock St., Allegheny, Pa.
Leuls F. Zinkhan	Supt. Bayview Asylum	1	185	132	140	19	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	18	185	1	215	1011	Bayview, Balto., Md.
E. Raueson Deatrick, B.D.	Trinity	3	284	221	109	4	8	2	10	1	1	1	1	39	195	1	250	1850	342 3rd Ave., Woodberry, Balto.
Barton R. Carnahan	Mt. Moriah	1	139	126	65	6	6	7	8	1	1	1	1	22	115	1	1181	2180	Keedynville, Washington Co., Md.
Calvin S. Slagle	Westminster	1	370	300	170	5	2	4	4	4	4	4	1	42	344	1	281	2436	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
Geo. A. Snyder	Christ, Hagerstown	1	261	205	250	23	27	7	7	1	1	1	1	36	600	1	285	3612	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.
Adam S. Weber	Faith	4	456	384	462	22	13	10	19	1	1	1	1	56	310	1	239	962	130 S. Patterson Ave., Balto., Md.
Geo. A. Whitmore	Jefferson	2	223	200	123	12	13	4	4	4	4	4	1	30	194	1	810	875	Thurmont, Frederick Co., Md.
Harry F. Dittmar	Boonsboro	3	100	75	73	10	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	22	100	1	82	541	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
Chas. W. Loran	St. Stephen's	3	284	219	90	11	7	2	5	1	1	1	1	16	125	1	103	622	Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md.
Hiram J. Macalister (1)	Carroll (4)	8	252	217	109	8	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	26	186	1	150	645	306 E. 3rd St., Balto., Md.
Atwill Conner	Manor	3	309	167	120	12	14	15	6	1	1	1	1	46	186	1	520	1254	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
William L. Stewart, B.D.	Christ, Baltimore	1	440	407	482	30	1	16	9	1	1	1	1	26	256	1	150	1500	Adamstown, Frederick Co., Md.
Isaac M. Motter	Without charge	1	440	407	482	30	1	16	9	1	1	1	1	26	256	1	150	1500	2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balto., Md.
Lloyd E. Coblenz	St. Paul's, Baltimore	1	544	404	213	17	15	11	7	1	1	1	1	45	361	1	631	4598	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Manuel M. Roeder	Manchester	2	544	404	213	17	15	11	7	1	1	1	1	45	361	1	236	1194	304 N. Carey St., Balto., Md.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND (Continued).

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.										LOSSES.			S. S. STA-TISTICS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		ADDITIONAL.																Church Papers Taken.			
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Transferred.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cenil. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Pressure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Sunday-school.	Officers and Teach-ers.	Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Benefactor Per-son.	Congregational Purpose.
William C. Biken	Burkittsville	2	167	138	67	7	1	7	1	1	2	5	1	2	108	102	700	20	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., Md.		
Alexander Bateman	Th. B. Taneytown	2	325	245	180	35	1	6	9	7	1	1	7	1	138	325	735	9	Taneytown, Carroll Co., Md.		
N. L. Bennett	Th. B. (2) Union Bridge	1	271	280	108	7	..	17	11	4	..	4	8	2	182	123	655	15	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.		
Simon S. Miller	Mt. Laurel Mine Home.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Myersdale, Lebanon Co., Pa.	
Philip Miller	Foreign Missionary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Sandal, Japan	
Phed W. Field	Grace Baltimore	1	140	111	70	22	..	6	14	2	10	10	3	1	20	208	64	879	10	110 W. Otterd St., Balto., Md.	
Geo. M. de P. Zacharias	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 E. Franklin St., Balto., Md.	
Wm. C. B. Shulerberger	Church of Incarnation.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., Md.	
Charles West	Th. B. Sabilleville	1	89	55	163	3	2	2	10	10	..	..	3	2	1	45	108	600	15	Sabilleville, Frederick Co., Md.
Manuel H. Postel	Th. B. Taneytown	1	370	343	210	10	6	22	8	3	4	1	2	25	242	22	150	11	Sabilleville, Frederick Co., Md.
John W. Postel	Middleton	1	312	606	227	13	3	22	22	9	..	..	9	1	51	196	242	247	20	Caretown, Washington Co., Md.
George I. McLean	Grace Frederick	1	161	131	101	12	1	12	20	6	..	..	2	1	50	340	630	1945	23	Middleton, Frederick Co., Md.
David I. Wolf	Grace	2	250	181	125	4	..	6	10	6	..	..	2	..	20	210	174	1179	18	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Robert L. Chabert	St. Paul's Kildgels	1	134	110	40	..	..	7	12	..	..	..	..	..	22	170	96	794	5	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
J. Stewart Harrison	St. Mary's Silver Run	1	314	427	237	17	..	17	27	4	..	..	6	1	23	210	430	963	5	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Charles H. Knight	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.	
Marshall E. Weaver	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.	
Wm. R. Lammie	Foreign Missionary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.	
Joe M. Rich	Grace Washington	1	201	174	82	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.	
James M. Mullin	St. Mark's	1	140	114	41	2	..	3	12	3	..	..	2	1	15	65	102	1015	30	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
T. B. Hoffman	suppl. Rocky Hill	1	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
J. W. Postel	suppl. Pottsville	1	15	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Jon H. Apple	President Woman's College.	1	18	5	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Wm. H. Warren	Frederick	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Total 60		61	998	906	508	126	29	191	277	174	1100	149	107	50	1107	7945	751405	10220	740	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.	

(1) Pastor of Union Bridge charge from Nov. 1, 1901 (2) Transferred to West Shore-land Church Aug. 24, 1900 (3) Transferred to Valley Church Oct. 11, 1901 (4) Vacant from Oct. 1, 1900 (5) Pastoral relation dissolved June 1900 (6) Pastoral relation dissolved Oct. 1, 1900

E. R. DEATRICK, State Clerk.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	MEMBERS. ADDITIONAL.										LOSSES.			H. S. STAFF.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		Church Papers taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Congregations.	Communicant.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Profl.	Displaced.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Displaced.	Deaths, Uncommuned.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
William M. Deatrick, D D	Without charge	1	66	45	60	2	5	18	40	2	2	15	2	2	1	22	105	1	\$ 45 00	\$ 175 00	1	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.
William C. Cremer, D D	Supply for Middleburg	2	422	360	150	20	5	35	40	4	15	15	4	15	2	50	365	54	527 90	4300 00	54	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Franklin F. Bahner, D D	Waynesboro																					Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D D	Without charge																					Greentown, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. B. Russell, D D, LL D	Without charge																					Zullinger, Franklin Co., Pa.
James B. Shantz	St John's of Chambersburg	1	227	275	149	9	2	10	18	8	11	5	8	11	1	25	202		334 00	1475 00		Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Ira M. Beaver	Grindstonehill	2	415	328	149	3	4	24	3	3	11	3	3	11	3	34	192	1	362 81	1085 60	70	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Schaeffer, Ph D	Zion's of Chambersburg	1	336	288	250	9	1	13	6	5	3	2	5	3	2	32	234		795 78	36 8 35	80	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Henry N. Baehler	St Thomas	4	343	261	132	9	12	27	17	4	6	3	4	6	4	42	292		151 68	865 00	27	St Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle	1	320	290	150	5	3	10	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	25	195	2	471 00	1380 83	65	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles A. Santee	Mercersburg	2	298	244	121	13	1	9	7	2	9	9	2	9	3	35	340		392 00	1153 00	35	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles M. Smith	McConnellsburg	2	158	131	76	13	4	14	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	60		68 79	438 12	8	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.
Edward O. Keen	St Paul's, of Waynesboro	2	252	213	110	11	5	8	8	2	3	2	3	3	2	31	193		488 00	1475 03	15	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Christiab. Gumbert	Loudon	3	228	188	126	9	1	7	7	3	18	6	3	18	6	44	194	2	118 47	680 10		Port Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher D D	Shippensburg	1	304	233	98	2	4	7	3	5	10	6	1	10	1	26	209		409 83	1831 06		Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
William M. Irvine, Ph D	Lic Pres Mercersburg Col	1	57	40	20	3		1	4	1		1							63 77	132 77		Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Supplied by Rev Dr Cremer	Mont Alto	1	18	15	10														4 34	10 00	2	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.
Supplied by Committee	Quincy																					Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa.
Supplied by Committee	Payetteville	1																				Payetteville, Franklin Co., Pa.
Total		26	3595	2953	1801	106	44	145	111	53	40	68	16	22	301	2791	6	84321	50	31800	50	418

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.					ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.				N. M. MTA-TITION.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		CHECKS PAID TO DATE.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.														
		Confirmed.		Unconfirmed.		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certs. or Re-Paid.		Dismissed.		Deaths or Known.				Deaths, Communi.		Deaths, Communi.		No. of Baptisms.		No. of Officers and Teachers.		Students for Ministry.		Per-centage.		Congregational.	
		(Unregistered).	(Confirmed).	(Unconfirmed).	(Confirmed).	(Infant Baptisms).	(Adult Baptisms).	(Confirmed).	(Certs. or Re-Paid).	(Dismissed).	(Deaths or Known).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).			(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).	(Deaths, Communi).		
John A Hoffhelms, D D.	Christie	1	328	222	238	7	2	10	3	20	1	1	1	2	1	27	184	8	431	2514	41	Martinsburg, W Va.											
J. W. Rauch	Falling Waters	1	12	11	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	1	17	47	38	87	Martinsburg, W Va.										
George G Everhart	Shepherdstown	3	151	128	58	18	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	131	1	158	00	100	00	Shepherdstown W. Va.										
Jonah May	Without charge																						Harper, W Va.										
James B Slaughter	Winchester	2	107	76	72	4	1	5						2	1	24	100		134	43	480	00	Winchester, Va.										
Samuel A. Hiltner	Without charge																						Edinburg, Va.										
Albert B Bauman	Harrieville	2	215	184	71	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	24	146		433	00	1175	00	Tenn's Creek, Va.										
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	234	236	174	7	2	4	0	0	4	1	1	1	1	3	146		440	00	713	00	Woodstock, Va.										
Vacant	Timberville	1	217	176	86	3	12	17	3	4	7	7	7	3	3	38	145		128	00	438	00	Timberville, Va.										
H. Dittler	Mill Creek	4	178	159	133	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	28	140		40	00	780	00	12 Mt Jackson, Va.										
Vacant	Rockingham	4	245	278	104	4	6	4	3	6	4	4	4						230	00	1900	00	Winchester, Va.										
J. Elmer Garrison	Massanutten Academy	1	128	105	71	6	2	14	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	24	87		151	00	514	00	Levittown, Va.										
Lewis T Lampe	Levittown	2	148	174	70	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	300		90	00	549	00	Levittown, Va.										
R. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	1	40	72	34		2	2	18	3				2	1	10	50		34	00	203	00	Middlebrook, Va.										
Ellis S. Hay	St. Paul's	1	3	6	7														18	00	115	00	Levittown, Va.										
Lewis T Lampe supply	Christ's, Wiehle	1	181																				Levittown, Va.										
Vacant	Harrisonburg	1	181																				Levittown, Va.										
Henry W. Winsler	Mt Crawford	2	144	130	40	3	1	2	2		10	0	0		2	30	145		440	00	507	00	Mt Crawford, Va.										
Supplied	Edinburg	2	147	52							2	2	2		1				720	00			Edinburg, Va.										
G. A. Hiltner supply	Smithfield	1	16	16	1																		Edinburg, Va.										
Charles A Bushong																																	
		33	2543	1546	1292	64	34	43	39	44	26	48	33	23	254	1629	3	15943	61	61468	3	1597											

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONAL.			LOSSES.			N. H. STAFF.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communicant.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, (non-communicants).	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Church Papers taken.	
William M. Deatrick, D D	Without charge	1	65	45	60	2					2	2	1	23	105	1	\$ 45 00	\$ 176 00	5	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.	
William C. Cremer, D D	Supply for Middleburg	2	422	360	150	20	6	13	4		16	16	2	60	265	1	80 00	4300 00	64	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Franklin F. Bahner, D D	Waynesboro																527 90			Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D D	Without charge																			Green Village, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Geo. B. Russell, D D	Without charge																			Zulitinger, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jonas B. Shultz	St. John's of Chambersburg	1	327	274	145	9	2	10	5	11	6	1	25	202	1	1	384 00	1479 00	70	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Irvin M. Beaver	Grindstonehill	2	419	281	149	3	6	26	3	8	11	3	34	182	1	1	332 91	1055 50	80	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Schaeffer, Ph D	Zion's of Chambersburg	3	365	244	250	9	1	13	6	5	3	2	33	234	1	1	765 78	36 8 36	80	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Henry N. Bawler	St. Thomas	4	343	301	152	9	12	27	17	6	6	3	42	302	1	1	151 68	895 00	27	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle	1	320	294	150	5	3	10	3	4	2	1	25	196	2	2	471 00	1280 00	65	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Charles A. Santee	Mercersburg	2	296	244	121	13	1	9	7	21	9	1	35	240	1	1	393 00	1153 00	35	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Charles M. Smith	McConnellsburg	3	156	133	74	11	4	14	2	2	1	1	12	80	1	1	68 73	418 12	2	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.	
Edward O. Keen	St. Paul's, of Waynesboro	2	252	218	110	11	5	8	8	2	1	2	21	162	2	2	466 00	1475 00	16	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Christian Gumbert	Loudon	3	228	189	125	5	1	7	3	3	12	4	3	46	184	2	718 47	688 00		Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D D	Shippensburg	1	104	233	96	2	4	7	3	5	10	5	1	26	259	1	408 12	1621 06		Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.	
William M. Irvine, Ph D	Lie Pres Mercersburg Col.	1	57	40	20	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	12	130			42 77	122 77	2	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Supplied by Rev Dr Cremer	Mont Alto	1	18	15	10												4 86	10 00	2	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Supplied by Committee	Quincy																			Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Supplied by Committee	Payetteville	1																		Payetteville, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Total		26	3565	2963	1601	106	144	145	111	111	40	68	16	22	381	2791	5	\$14381 50	\$18300 50	418	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				B. B. STA- TISTICS.				CONTRIBU- TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Confirmed.		Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Entry.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Communi- cants.	Deaths, Uncom- municants.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.		
		Communicants.	Congregational.																	
John A. Hoffmeins, D D	Christ's	1 328	225	218	7	2	10	2	20	1	1	2	1	27	189	\$ 421 09	\$ 2754 43	..	Martinsburg, W. Va.	
J. W. Rauch	Falling Waters	1 12	11	5	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	14	17 47	29 87	2	Martinsburg, W. Va.
George G. Everhart	Shepherdstown	2 151	129	58	16	1	5	1	5	..	..	..	2	23	121	156 09	600 00	..	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Joshiah May	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Bayard, W. Va.
James B. Stoner	Winchester	2 107	70	72	6	1	6	..	..	..	..	1	3	26	100	124 63	450 00	20	Winchester, Va.
Samuel A. Hiltner	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Edinburg, Va.
Albert B. Bauman	Harrisville	2 215	134	74	2	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	2	25	158	423 00	1175 09	21	Tom's Brook, Va.
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2 226	219	154	7	2	4	6	6	..	..	4	1	..	..	540 00	712 00	30	Woodstock, Va.
Vacant	Timberville	3 217	176	95	2	12	17	1	4	..	..	..	3	24	150	123 00	429 00	13	Timberville, Va.
H. Dittler	Mill Creek	4 179	159	134	7	2	5	1	1	..	..	4	2	23	180	90 00	700 09	15	Mt Jackson, Va.
Vacant	Rockingham	4 396	278	169	4	5	8	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	220 00	1630 00	..	..
J. Siller Garrison	Massanutten Academy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Woodstock, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe	Lovettsville	1 128	105	75	5	3	16	7	..	..	..	1	1	24	87	152 00	564 50	..	Lovettsville, Va.
R. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	2 185	174	70	6	2	2	3	1	..	..	1	3	29	200	90 63	500 00	20	Middlebrook, Va.
Ellis S. Hay	St. Paul's	1 40	32	23	..	2	2	12	3	..	..	2	1	10	50	24 00	203 00	..	Roanoke, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe, supply	Christ's Wiehle	..	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	19 00	118 00	..	Lovettsville, Va.
Vacant	Harrisonburg	1 18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henry W. Winkler	Mt Crawford	2 146	130	40	3	1	2	2	..	..	..	10	..	30	145	440 00	503 00	26	Mt Crawford, Va.
Supplied	Edinburg	3 127	62	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	8	1	..	106	729 00	..	..	Edinburg, Va.
B. A. Hiltner supply	Smithfield	1 16	10	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Charles A. Bushong	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		33 2563	1900	1296	65	38	153	39	44	26	43	12	23	250	1629	1 33943 03	81663 23	187		

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.				B. S. STA-TISTICAL.				CONTRIBU-TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certs. of Re-Pro.	Dismissed.	Recommenced.	Breath of Names.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purpose.		
John Ingle	Without charge																					Green Park, N. C.	
Michael L. Hedrick	Without charge																					Silver Hill, N. C.	
Jacob C. Clapp D. D.	Pres. Catawba College																					Newton, N. C.	
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Pres. Catawba College																					Newton, N. C.	
John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Prof. Catawba College																					Newton, N. C.	
Paul Barringer	New Glend.	2	248	211	144	11	4	15	1	2	0	4	0	0	2	18	133	0	83	82	474	40	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory	2	231	196	103	8	7	7	2	2	6	3	2	2	3	17	134	1	34	36	902	32	Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard, B. D.	Prof. Catawba College	4	180	180	306	12	10	10	3	14	1	1	1	1	4	40	306	3	78	00	1597	00	Lexington, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly	Central Rowan	2	112	104	38	4	7	11	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	14	133	1	57	00	231	00	Burlington, N. C.
James D. Andrew	Hurlington	4	473	356	300	15	10	31	4	3	2	3	3	3	4	34	440	2	274	00	613	00	Hickory, N. C.
Jellus H. Shuford	Without charge	1	58	58	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	56	1	33	00	159	00	Lexington, N. C.
H. A. M. Holshouser	Upper Davidson	4	473	356	300	15	10	31	4	3	2	3	3	3	4	34	440	2	274	00	613	00	Concord, N. C.
Wm. H. McNairy	Concord	1	58	58	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	56	1	33	00	159	00	West Chester, Pa.
B. Frank Davis	Without charge																					China Grove, N. C.	
Anthony Shulenberger	Without charge																					Newton, N. C.	
Clarence Clapp	Without charge																					Malden, N. C.	
Theodore C. Hession	Lincoln	4	223	221	146	8	3	7	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	18	170	1	129	23	549	00	Rockwell, N. C.
Charles H. Riedesel	East Rowan	3	339	271	225	19	8	8	2	6	2	5	5	5	3	33	334	2	312	13	546	19	Newton, N. C.
Wm. A. Long, Ph. D.	Newton	1	144	114	64	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	66	1	102	00	656	00	Thomasville, N. C.
Jacob N. Faust	Thomasville	3	185	116	60	13	9	12	4	1	1	4	4	4	3	21	165	1	49	50	240	75	Danville, N. C.
George A. Stauffer	Guliford	2	300	274	131	9	5	5	7	3	3	4	4	4	2	20	210	1	133	00	450	00	Green Park, N. C.
Henry R. Sechler	Blowing Rock	1	18	18	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	40	1	23	00	46	75	Salisbury, N. C.
Gerny Weber	Salisbury	1	35	30	20	2	1	10	12	3	4	1	1	1	1	7	30	1	12	00	245	00	China Grove, N. C.
Vacant	West Rowan	2	306	184	131	15	1	6	1	3	1	3	3	3	2	36	200	1	57	00	450	00	McKee, N. C.
Vacant	Lower Davidson	6	361	361	238	11	5	13	8	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	56	00	342	00	Conover, N. C.
Vacant	Catawba	4	150	102	60	10	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	00	279	00	Lenoir, N. C.
Vacant	Lenoir	1	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	23	39	13	
		44	3376	2748	1602	141	38	113	57	59	26	49	16	16	40	260	3600	8	3153	09	5062	00	127

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONAL.			LOSERS.			S. & STA-TISTICS.			CONTRIBU-TIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. of Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Renewal of Names.	Deaths, Communi-cants.	Deaths, Uncon-firmed.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.	
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge	1	298	276	285	15	4	12	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Sem., Lan., Pa.	1	298	276	285	15	4	12	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	446 W. Jones St., Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg	4	961	686	600	62	1	38	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman	Lishey's	3	796	701	496	50	1	36	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hanover, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth	Jefferson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Codorus, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs D.D.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Littlestown, Pa.
Francis B. Lindeman	Christ Church	2	786	675	476	64	4	38	8	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Littlestown, Pa.
George B. Reeder	Emmanuel	1	442	378	303	12	1	12	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hanover, Pa.
Edward D. Miller	West Manheim	2	339	310	308	30	..	16	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hanover, Pa.
J. Marion Mickle	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	McKnightstown, Pa.
John F. Mackley, M.D.	Cashtown	3	367	292	201	13	1	10	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Fairfield, Pa.
William D. Lefevre	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Littlestown, Pa.
Peter E. Helmer	New Oxford	3	609	577	490	38	4	38	25	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	New Oxford, Pa.
Milton M. Noacher	Arendtsville	2	429	394	355	10	4	15	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Arendtsville, Pa.
Marilyn J. Roth	Trinity	1	541	443	370	34	3	16	17	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hanover, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler	East Berlin	4	372	260	16	2	10	7	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	East Berlin, Pa.
Whorton A. Kline	Prof in Ursinus College	1	345	312	126	9	..	30	17	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Collegeville, Pa.
Frederick C. Selts	Littlestown	1	94	81	40	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Littlestown, Pa.
T. J. Barkley, supply	St Mark's congregation.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Gettysburg, Pa.
		28	6259	5283	1267	326	25	361	103	87	48	32	66	34	438	318	3	18	443	1742	140

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	MEMBERS										ADDITIONS			LOSSES			S. S. STA- TISTICS			CONTRIBU- TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Congregations.	Communi- cants.	Uncon- firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dis- missed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.	Deaths.
J. David Miller	Duncannon	3	324	138	90	7	8	7	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	Duncannon, Pa.
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle	1	356	327	125	10	9	21	5	14	8	15	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Carlisle, Pa.
Titus C. Stock	Zion's	4	439	416	399	21	11	9	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	Blain, Pa.
Samuel H. Stein	Mechanicsburg	1	254	236	115	7	2	9	18	8	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
John P. Diegelderfer	Sulphur Springs	4	161	144	62	6	1	2	7	7	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Carlisle, Pa.
Solomon B. Schaefer	Without charge																						Martinsburg, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	See Bd Foreign Miss.																						Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer	Without charge																						York, N.Y.
Geo. A. House	Without charge																						Dayton, Ohio.
Wm. H. Groh	Without charge																						Carlisle, Pa.
Vacant	Newport (1)	3	373	292	120	12	6	9	13	23		4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Newport, Pa.
Vacant	New Bloomfield	1	13	90	45		2	1	3	3		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	New Bloomfield, Pa.
Vacant	Landisburg	4	409	319	178	11	2	10	8	30	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Landisburg, Pa.
Vacant	Newburg (1)	1	125	114	65	2	1	0	3	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Newburg, Pa.
10 Ministers	9 Charges	21	2474	2120	1219	76	21	72	67	81	43	47	13	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
(1) Pastor called																							

J. DAVID MILLER, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS. ADDITIONS.										LOSSES.				B. S. STA- TISTICS.				CONTRIB- UTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.												
		Congregational.		Communion.		Uncommunioned.		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Cenit or Re-Profl.		Dismissed.		Eccommunicated.		Deaths, Communi- cated.		Deaths, Uncom- municated.		Officers & Teachers.		No. of Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Pur- poses.		Congregational Purses.		(Church Purses taken.	
F. A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge	3	284	431	154	11	0	15	2	5	0	0	3	43	188	0	301	5	34	Marlinburg, Pa.															
B. Chas. Stover	Dunning's Creek	1	537	446	192	21	4	27	24	12	0	1	6	27	289	0	666	2348	104	Cemana, Pa.															
John P. Moyer	Christ's Church	4	419	368	641	20	3	17	3	8	0	12	4	53	443	0	247	1777	104	Altoona, Pa.															
Simon U. Waughman	Greenfield	3	238	212	215	13	0	8	11	2	0	0	3	25	145	0	182	3200	5	Claysburg, Pa.															
Daniel G. Hetrick	Schellsburg	4	710	180	160	21	16	39	4	19	0	0	5	25	325	0	250	650	22	Schellsburg, Pa.															
M. W. Stonebraker	Yellow Creek	3	390	332	246	11	1	17	11	14	0	0	2	10	83	0	266	834	10	Loyalsburg, Pa.															
Lewis Robb	Sulphur Springs (1)	1	365	352	150	10	7	22	24	5	0	10	1	43	367	0	610	2771	35	Mann's Choice, Pa.															
Fred A. Rupley, Jr.	Trinity Church	3	425	369	171	12	2	13	8	25	0	0	1	32	152	1	749	1114	30	Altoona, Pa.															
Chas. H. Slinghoff	Water Street	3	345	331	142	20	1	6	5	5	0	0	1	44	263	1	247	2487	30	Alexandria, Pa.															
Irvin W. Hendricks	McConnellstown	1	140	137	125	3	0	3	5	6	0	0	1	17	110	0	263	1215	30	McConnellstown, Pa.															
Thomas K. Cropper	Bedford	3	356	282	138	7	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	33	310	0	845	754	32	Bedford, Pa.															
Edward M. Beck	St. Clairsville	3	356	282	138	7	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	33	310	0	845	754	32	St. Clairsville, Pa.															
Calvin B. Heller	Hickory Bottom	3	356	282	138	7	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	33	310	0	845	754	32	Marlinburg, Pa.															
Gustav R. Poetter	Everett	2	183	154	125	5	1	5	9	2	0	0	4	24	147	0	339	1044	30	Everett, Pa.															
Calvin F. Weber	Grace Church	1	104	98	81	11	1	9	7	5	0	0	3	22	160	0	99	1171	15	Altoona, Pa.															
Henry H. Hartman	Marlinburg	2	274	246	95	21	4	9	6	13	0	45	4	23	164	0	339	1216	15	Marlinburg, Pa.															
Arthur C. Thompson	Friend's Cove	3	203	205	100	15	3	21	0	3	0	3	5	32	240	0	250	200	26	Koonersville, Pa.															
Supply	Woodcock Valley	3	413	387	195	27	3	15	10	8	0	5	5	51	328	1	204	813	32	James Creek, Pa.															
Orbisonia	Saaton	2	164	125	85	1	6	16	4	1	0	0	2	32	170	0	147	504	15	Saaton, Pa.															
Clear Ridge	Orbisonia	1	63	47	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	50	0	17	104	10	Orbisonia, Pa.															
Huntingdon	Clear Ridge	3	129	150	47	4	1	1	3	2	0	0	3	23	134	0	56	1606	10	Clearville, Pa.															
Total, 19	Huntingdon	1	208	250	125	7	9	15	19	5	0	0	6	29	223	1	423	2100	32	Huntingdon, Pa.															
1 Pastor called		52	6056	5161	2245	248	49	243	162	146	0	0	42	670	4437	5	5	6717	32503	409															

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, A. D. 1900.

	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSERS.					B. & Statistics.					CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants	Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Transferred	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Transferred.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Reverend Pastors.	Contributions.				
Ston's	16	38	4706	4037	2940	300	27	294	294	159	02	111	101	101	56	577	5007	1	\$4,085 30	\$20,000 00	
Maryland	48	65	9998	8000	5925	476	29	381	381	277	178	1	106	149	88	59	1107	7945	7	14,035 00	\$2,200 00
Mercersburg	18	26	3395	2953	1801	108	44	145	145	111	52	40	08	08	16	22	301	2791	6	4,321 50	18,300 00
Virginia	16	33	2583	1900	1205	68	38	83	83	39	44	20	48	48	12	23	250	1529	1	3,962 00	10,562 38
North Carolina	23	44	3376	2748	1803	141	38	113	113	57	58	26	49	49	15	40	380	2086	6	2,228 00	8,292 00
Gettysburg	18	29	6259	5284	3647	326	25	261	261	103	87	48	82	82	65	28	439	3318	9	4,431 00	14,908 00
Carlisle	10	21	2474	2120	1219	76	21	72	72	07	81	42	47	47	13	6	338	2439	3	2,754 35	11,278 48
Juniata	19	52	6856	5181	3245	238	68	268	268	162	146	88	87	87	42	45	670	4427	5	6,717 00	25,903 00
Synod of Potomac (Total)	8	184	300	32,213	21,476	1731	291	1507	1507	975	708	1	486	631	307	280	4032	30,144	38	\$42,514 15	\$198,412 25
Eastern Synod	12	313	523	88,471	50,923	5308	575	4864	4864	3053	1830	6	1606	1871	980	569	8927	72,303	87	97,008 04	448,405 87
Ohio Synod	8	134	212	25,017	6,327	762	530	1064	1067	1067	549	1	825	354	111	222	8436	23,523	28	23,773 00	120,551 00
Synod of Pittsburgh	3	83	148	15,700	10,196	947	127	719	719	658	390	3	312	278	116	128	1642	11,078	10	33,058 51	101,219 81
Synod of the Northwest	11	165	219	15,398	14,306	1634	28	1069	1069	804	247	4	592	365	146	183	1469	13,214	26	17,705 00	104,169 00
German Synod of the East	3	98	57	15,268	10,478	1929	211	840	840	733	93	1	434	322	60	58	1184	11,912	10	9,113 00	95,542 00
Central Synod	5	95	120	21,084	12,056	1204	571	977	977	691	237	7	913	323	109	221	751	4083	6	16,827 00	81,372 00
Synod of the Interior	5	90	64	3,265	1,475	143	51	144	144	177	115	2	161	88	9	61	751	4083	6	5,042 43	30,067 85
Total & District Synods	57	1084	1673	243,318	127,254	12,796	1696	11,544	11,544	6168	4169	22	5419	4184	1818	1806	21,463	167,256	204	\$245,111 13	\$1,199,380 58

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OF THE

**Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.**

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS HELD AT HUNTINGDON, PA.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and One. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the fifteenth and continued until the afternoon of the twenty-first day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the Reformed Church of Huntingdon, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 15th, A. D., 1901, at 7:30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Lewis Robb, from Ephesians 3:7-10.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President called the Synod to order, and formally opened it with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Assistant Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Henry H. Apple, Hiram J. Hillegass, E. Bruce Lyttle, H. M. John Klein.

Elders.—Israel Laucks, Walker A. Dromgold,² Henry Inners.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.,⁶ Samuel H. Diet-

zel, Ph.D., John M. Schick, D.D., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., John W. Pontius, Atville Conner, E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, George A. Snyder, Lloyd E. Coblentz,⁴ Samuel M. Roeder, J. Stewart Hartman, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., George W. Snyder, Calvin S. Slagle.

Elders.—Adrian C. McCardell,² J. Taylor Motter, Jacob H. Cost, Herman A. Buckey, W. Scott Kefauver, D. Edward Kefauver, I. Reynolds Hoffman, Jacob P. Baltozer, Prof. Fleet R. Neighbours, Robert F. Thomas, John T. Dutterer, Goldsboro S. Griffith, John N. Stockman, Nicholas A. Kress.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Charles A. Santee, Edward O. Keen, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders.—J. E. Latshaw, George A. Wood, Casper Wicke, M. M. Gilland.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—Lewis T. Lampe, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Henry Ditzler,² Nehemiah H. Skyles, Henry W. Wissler,² R. Raymond Jones.

Elders.—E. W. Carpenter,² Henry J. Seibert, David A. Miller, W. B. Lindsey, M.D., John H. Bauserman.

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—Jacob N. Faust, William H. McNairy.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Frederick C. Seitz, Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.,⁴ Francis S. Lindaman,² Walter E. Krebs, D.D., Milton M. Noacher, Edward D. Miller.

Elders.—Charles P. Gettier, M.D., Greenberry W. Weaver, Andrew R. Brodbeck, Jacob L. Hartman.

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Edwin D. Meixell, J. David Miller, John P. Dieffenderfer, Miles O. Noll, William H. Groh.

Elders.—Samuel Crist, Joseph Wolff, James B. Leiby, A. K. Souders.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Simon U. Waugaman, Preston A. DeLong, Edwin W. Stonebraker, John F. Moyer, Gustav R. Poetter, Albert H. Ginder, John D. Hicks.

Elders.—John Hess, John Brewster, Max Beckhoefer, S. H. Little,² Calvin Bowser, John W. Smith, Samuel G. Linger.²

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Harry F. Dittmar occupied the seat of Rev. A. Bate-

man during the first five sessions of the Synod. Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D., that of Rev. T. J. Barkley during the third and fourth, and Rev. I. N. Peightel that of Rev. F. F. Bahner from Friday morning.

Elders J. L. Hartman, W. A. Dromgold, R. F. Thomas, and Rev. J. M. Schick were excused on Friday morning. Rev. H. J. Hillegass on Saturday. Revs. J. N. Faust, J. S. Kieffer, J. D. Hicks, and Elder A. C. McCardell Monday morning.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. H. F. Dittmar, S. S. Miller, Elder Prof. Joseph H. Apple.

North Carolina.—Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., President Charles H. Mebane.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., Elder George N. Forney.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. Isaac N. Peightel.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Titus C. Strock, Elder Hobach.

Juniata Classis. Revs. Frederick Rupley, D.D., Lewis Robb, Benjamin F. Bausman, Arthur C. Thompson, Charles H. Slinghoff, Henry H. Hartman, Albert F. Nace, Howard Obold, and Elder George L. Freet.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, David N. Dittmar, Cyrus J. Musser, Jairus P. Moore, D.D., Charles E. Creitz, Albert A. Black, Elders Joseph L. Lemberger, Francis E. Heller, C. M. Bower.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Rev. Peter C. Prugh, D.D.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. D. K. Freeman, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church; Revs. J. R. Dunkerly, G. M. Klepfer, M. L. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Revs. D. A. Potts, F. N. Follmer and Fleck of the Lutheran Church, and Revs. H. B. Brumbaugh and W. J. Swigart of the Dunkard Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. Charles A. Santee, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. John W. Pontius, *Vice-President*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. R. Raymond Jones, *Corresponding Secretary*, Middlebrook, Va.

Rev. H. M. J. Klein, *Reading Clerk*, York, Pa.

Elder Jacob D. Zehring, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Tuesday Evening, 8 o'clock.—Opening service, Text, Eph. 3:7-11, by the retiring President, Rev. Lewis Robb, Altoona, Pa.

Wednesday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.—General subject, "Home Missions." "Our Opportunities and Obligations in Home Missions," Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C. Liturgical services by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., and Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Thursday Evening, 7.30 o'clock. "The Mission of the Church Paper," Rev. C. J. Musser, Philadelphia, Pa. "The Sunday-school and the Home," Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa. Liturgical services by Rev. J. F. Moyer and Rev. A. H. Ginder.

Friday Evening, 8 o'clock.—Musical.

Saturday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.—Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. H. H. Apple, York, Pa. Liturgical services by Rev. E. W. Stonebraker and Rev. G. A. Snyder.

Saturday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.—General subject, "Education." "Has the Denominational College a Right to Live?" Rev. E. D. Meixell, Newport, Pa. "The Claims of the Ministry Upon Young Men," Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md. Liturgical services by Rev. R. R. Jones and Rev. J. N. Faust.

Sunday, 9.15 a. m. Sunday-school. Addresses by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier and Rev. S. M. Roeder.

Sunday, 10.30 a. m. Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. C. A. Santee.

Sunday, 3.30 p. m.—Junior C. E. meeting. Addresses by Rev. R. R. Jones and Max Beckhoefer.

Sunday, 6 p. m.—Senior C. E. meeting. Addresses by Rev. J. B. Shontz and Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz.

Sunday, 7 p. m.—Consecration of pipe organ and addresses on Foreign Missions. "Faith in Christ, Plus Knowledge of the Needs of Missionary Field, Equals Success in Missions," Rev. M. O. Noll, Carlisle, Pa.; "The Home Church in Relation to Foreign Missions," Rev. E. O. Keen, Waynesboro, Pa. Mr. Paul Gerhard also made an address on work in Japan. Liturgical services by Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., and Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz.

Presbyterian Church.—Morning, Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D.; evening, Rev. G. R. Poetter.

First Methodist Episcopal Church. Morning, Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz; evening, Rev. F. C. Seitz.

Second Methodist Episcopal Church.—Morning, Rev. H. M. J. Klein; evening, Rev. J. B. Shontz.

Baptist Church.—Morning. Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D.; evening, Rev. H. H. Apple.

Lutheran Church.—Morning. Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.; evening, Rev. J. P. Dieffenbier.

Juniata College.—Morning, Rev. G. A. Snyder; evening, Rev. I. N. Peightel.

Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory. At 2 p. m., Rev. M. O. Noll; Y. M. C. A., 4 p. m., Rev. E. Bruce Lytle, Paul Gerhard.

United Brethren Church.—Morning, Rev. A. Connor; evening, Rev. M. M. Noacher.

Christ's Church, Altoona, Pa.—Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.—Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Woodcock Valley Charge.—Rev. J. N. Faust.

McConnelstown Charge. Rev. W. E. Krebs, D.D., Rev. F. S. Lindaman.

Saxton Charge.—Rev. J. David Miller.

Petersburg Lutheran Church.—Rev. S. H. Dietzel, Ph.D.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. P. A. DELONG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod; of which committee Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier is Chairman.

Item 2, page 34. The Classes are urged to provide for a more hearty and prompt support of the works of the Board of Education.

Item 3, page 36. The Synod urges upon the Classes the necessity of their assuming the entire amount apportioned for Catawba College.

Item 4, page 36. Synod's committee for the further endowment of the Woman's College, at Frederick, is continued.

Item 5, page 38. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect four members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, in place of those whose terms of service will shortly expire.

Item 6, page 48. The establishment of Church Building Funds is commended to the Classes, with the request that the attention of congregations and individuals be called to the success of this special feature of the work.

Item 7, page 48. The Classes are requested to give all members of the Church an opportunity to make contributions to the Memorial church in Washington, D. C.

Item 8, page 48. The Classes are requested to raise in full the apportionment for Home Missions.

Item 9, page 48. The Classes are requested to raise the apportionment for Foreign Missions and to inform the congregations of the encouraging success of our missions in foreign fields.

Item 10, page 49. It will be necessary to elect three members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions—One member for one year, to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and two members for four years.

Item 11, page 51. Apportionments are made upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Work Among the Germans, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Contingent Fund.

Item 12, page 51. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing on apportionment for Contingent Fund of Synod and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 13, page 52. It will be necessary for Synod to elect one member of the Board of Trustees of Synod to fill the place of the one whose term of service will end on the first of next January.

Item 14, page 53. The Classes are requested to urge all Sunday-schools to give continued support to the work of the Sunday-school Board.

Item 15, page 59. The Stated Clerk was directed to have 3,000 copies of the acts and proceedings of last session duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form and distributed among those entitled to receive them.

Item 16, page 60. Synod commends anew the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to the Classes.

Item 17, page 62. The Classes are urged to promptness in the payment of their share of interest due on the endowment fund of Catawba College.

Item 18, page 63. Deaconess Home. A committee of five is appointed whose duty it shall be to further investigate this whole subject and report to this Synod the result of their investigation and also as to time and place of its inauguration, if they shall find it feasible to do so.

Item 19, page 64. The attention of Classes is called to the urgent request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod to apportion six cents per communicant member for the Church Building Funds of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on Item I, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on Items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, see Article X, Minutes of Classes, for their action on the several Items; on Item 4, see Article XIII, Education. Items 5, 10, 13 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on Item 15, see Article XX, Publication; and on Item 18, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received and disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. An invitation from Grace Reformed church, Newton, N. C., to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 2. An invitation from Corinth Reformed church, Hickory, N. C., to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 3. An invitation from St. Paul's Reformed church, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 4. An invitation from Christ Reformed church, Martinsburg, West Virginia, to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 5. An invitation from T. B. Patton, General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory, Huntingdon, Pa., to the Synod to visit the institution in a body at such time as may suit the Synod's convenience.

Item 6. A communication from the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, calling the attention of Synod to the imperative need of Grace Reformed church in the city of Washington, D. C.

Item 7. A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League, inviting the Synod to consider the claims of the League.

Item 8. An invitation from Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, to the Synod to visit the college.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD O. KEEN, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 were temporarily laid on the table. Subsequently they were taken up, an election for place was held, and it resulted in the choice of Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C., and the time fixed for holding the sessions was the second Tuesday of October, the 14th, A. D. 1902, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Item 5, the invitation was accepted, and on Friday afternoon Synod in a body visited the Industrial Reformatory. For the action of Synod on Item 6, see Article XIV, Missions; on Item 7, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; Item 8, the invitation was accepted for Monday morning at 8.40 o'clock.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Zion's Classis omitted the names of the Synods to which several brethren were dismissed.

2. Gettysburg Classis did not state to what Synod East Susquehanna Classis belongs.

3. Mercersburg Classis, the Stated Clerk gives no marginal references.

4. Virginia Classis does not name church in which a special meeting of the Classis was held. Minutes are not signed by the Stated Clerk nor is the seal of Classis attached.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

5. The Classis of Carlisle respectfully overtures the Synod of the Potomac to overture the General Synod:

First, That each District Synod be entitled to *one* (1) representative on each of the several Boards of General Synod.

Second, That each District Synod be granted the right to nominate and submit two (2) candidates for each of the several Boards, from which the General Synod shall elect *one*.

Third, That the remaining members of the several Boards, according to the requirements of their charters, be known as members of the Church at large, the same to be nominated by General Synod's Standing Committee on Nomination, and to be elected by the General Synod.

6. The Gettysburg Classis requests Synod to provide for the collection of the full amount promised Catawba College as speedily as possible, as Classis feels the apportionment from year to year a heavy burden.

7. North Carolina Classis recommends that the Synod of the Potomac be urged to see that the interest on the \$17,000 endowment for Catawba College be paid promptly each year, thus enabling the trustees to meet their financial obligations.

8. Virginia Classis requests the Synod of the Potomac to relieve her of any further apportionment for Catawba College.

9. Maryland Classis pledges itself to give \$5,000 toward the erection of the Memorial Church at Washington, D. C., provided the Synod of the Potomac, independently of Maryland Classis, agree to contribute a similar amount.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

There are none.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

10. Zion's, Carlisle and Mercersburg Classes accepted all apportionments sent down by Synod. Gettysburg Classes did not accept apportionment for work among Germans and did not apportion the 6 cents per member for Church Building Fund.

11. North Carolina Classis did not assume the amount for Foreign Missions, but raised \$219.24; did not assume anything for Bohemian and Hungarian Missions, or for work among the Germans. Assumed \$100 for Beneficiary Education.

12. Virginia Classis accepted \$50 of the \$60 apportioned for Catawba College, and \$150 of the \$210 for Beneficiary Education.

13. Maryland Classis accepted all apportionments except that on Beneficiary Education, of which it accepted \$525. It complies with the request of 6 cents per member apportionment for Church Building Fund, but uses it within the bounds of the Classis.

14. Juniata Classis accepts all apportionments but Beneficiary Education; of which it accepts \$300.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

15. Zion's Classis licensed Albert F. Nace and dismissed him to Juniata Classis; received Licentiate John K. McKee from Carlisle Classis, and dismissed Rev. Geo. W. Shellenberger to Carlisle Classis.

16. Maryland Classis licensed Wm. Stuart Cramer and A. C. Dieffenbach, May 22, 1901; received Rev. J. B. Stonesifer from Virginia Classis, and Licentiate Robert J. Pilgram from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him July 28, 1901; and dismissed Revs. Earnest E. Weaver to Carlisle Classis, Wm. C. Sykes to Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and Licentiates W. Stuart Cramer to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and Albert C. Dieffenbach to Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

17. Virginia Classis received Revs. A. Theo. Wright from Zion's Classis, Anthony Shulenberger from North Carolina Classis, Thos. K. Cromer from Juniata Classis, and Moses A. Kieffer from Reading Classis, Eastern Synod, and dismissed Revs. A. B. Bauman to Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and James B. Stonesifer to Maryland Classis.

18. North Carolina Classis licensed Joshua L. Bowers, received Licentiate John H. Keller from the West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, and dismissed Rev. Anthony Shulenberger to Virginia Classis.

19. Mercersburg Classis licensed G. Lesley Omwake, and dismissed Rev. I. M. Beaver to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod.

20. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. W. W. Sechler from East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

21. Carlisle Classis licensed John K. McKee and dismissed him to Zion's Classis; received Rev. E. D. Meixell from Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, Rev. E. E. Weaver from Maryland Classis, Rev. Geo. W. Shellenberger from Zion's Classis, and Licentiate John T. Fox from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod.

22. Juniata Classis licensed John S. Heffner; received Revs. W. H. Landis, B. F. Bausman and John D. Hicks from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, Licentiate Howard Obold from Reading Classis, Eastern Synod, and Licentiate Albert F. Nace from Zion's Classis, and dismissed Rev. F. A. Rupley to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. E. M. Beck to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. T. K. Cromer to Virginia Classis.

VI.—Places and Times of Next Annual Meetings.

23. Zion's Classis will meet in Grace Church, York, Pa., Monday, May 12th, A.D., 1902, at 7.30 p. m., Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; J. Deisinger, M.D., *Treasurer*.

24. Maryland Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Taneytown, Carroll county, Md., Wednesday, April 30th, A.D., 1902, 7.30 p. m., Rev. G. A. Snyder, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

25. Mercersburg Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., May 5th, A.D., 1902, 7.45 p. m., Rev. J. B. Shontz, *President*; Rev. W. C. Cremer, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

26. Virginia Classis will meet in St. Paul's Church, Roanoke, Va., Wednesday, April 30th, A.D., 1902, 7.30 p. m., Rev. R. R. Jones, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

27. North Carolina Classis will meet in Daniel's Reformed Church, Reepsville, N. C., Thursday, May 15th, A.D., 1902, 11 a. m., Rev. J. D. Andrew, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*, and M. J. Rowe, *Treasurer*.

28. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Christ Church, Jefferson, York county, Pa., Friday, May 9th, A.D., 1902, 8 p. m., Rev. E. D. Miller, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

29. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Churchtown, Pa., May 9th, A.D., 1902, 7.30 p. m., Rev. S. H. Stein, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. Juniata Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Cessna, Bedford county, Pa., June 4th, A.D., 1902, 7.30 p. m., Rev. Chas. H. Slinghoff, *President*; Rev. L. Robb, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

J. N. FAUST, *Chairman*.

The attention of the Classes noted as irregular in Items 1, 2, 3 and 4, was called to their irregularities. For the action of Synod on Item 5, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; items 6 and 7, see Article XIII, Education. The request in Item 8 was refused and the action of last Synod (p. 62 printed minutes of 1901) was reiterated. The remaining items were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination begs leave to say that as there have been no applications for licensure they have nothing further to report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The parochial and statistical reports have all been placed in our hands. It is somewhat difficult to definitely state the condition of the Church within our bounds from these reports. After carefully reading the reports we have gleaned from them these facts:

Zion's Classis reports that "God has signally blessed His work in their midst," an increased membership, larger proportion of members communed, notes with pleasure especially the benevolent offerings to have doubled and reports an encouraging spirit.

Maryland Classis reports a hopeful spirit, increased interest in the forward movement of the Church, and an increased membership. But Classis regrets that only one-half of the charges have paid in full their apportionments.

Virginia Classis reports a decrease in membership, but a larger number communed, several new churches built, Sunday-school work prosecuted with activity, and rejoices that the timehonored custom of catechisation and induction into the Church by confirmation is faithfully observed.

North Carolina Classis reports a prosperous year, an increased membership, erection of three new churches, increased benevolent offering and a larger missionary zeal.

Mercersburg Classis reports that the benevolent operations of the Church have been receiving more attention, apportionments paid in full, a blessed result from the faithful preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments. But she laments the fact that so many do not avail themselves of the preaching of the Word and the grace of the sacraments.

Gettysburg Classis reports that there is little but what is cheering within their bounds, the preaching of the Word is well attended and many communicants at the altar. But the report seems to indicate that the general work of the Church is not properly presented to the people of some of the charges.

Carlisle Classis reports no retrogression, increased membership, large number of admissions by confirmation, an increased spirit of benevolence and a spirit of interest in every department of Church work.

Juniata Classis reports a substantial increase in the com-

municant membership and encouraging signs of promise. She regrets to report that the catechetical classes are hard to maintain throughout the several charges.

The above we believe is a brief statement of facts as presented in the several reports. From these we are prepared to state our conviction as a committee that there has been maintained during the year throughout the bounds of our Synod a healthful life and activity, that our ministry in the main has been faithful and earnest, that our people generally are responsive to the demands of the Lord through His Church, that a spirit of gratitude pervades our people, that the agencies of the Church are being used for good, that the spirit of benevolence has been growing and that a sense of responsibility and stewardship in earthly means is one of the signs of progress. Your committee regrets to report that a large number of our people do not commune regularly. This ought to be corrected, and we ought to feel deeply concerned about it in order that this evil may be eradicated. There seems to be no account made of Christian discipline in the reports from the several Classes. Surely such an ignoring of this important matter is not a portrayal of the true life of the congregation, for Christian discipline is exercised in some form or other.

Whilst a cheerful spirit clearly pervades these reports, there is an undertone of sadness that more might have been accomplished. We are thankful for this, for it spurs us on to doing our duty more fully. Having the buoyancy of brighter days and more hopeful outlook for our work we need yet be humble.

It is with a deep sense of grief that we record the death of Brethren Gerny Weber, Chas. H. Knight, Geo. B. Resser and Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D. These brethren were beloved and served their day and generation well. Ours the loss, their's the gain.

To the great head of the Church we commend our labors and our tears, our sorrows and our joys.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS ROBB, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Wednesday the Annual Reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba Col-

lege, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The Catalogue of Massanutten Academy was also received and referred to the same committee. These several reports are as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education respectfully presents the following report for the year ending July 17, 1901:

It becomes our painful duty to report the loss by death of two of the members of the Board, viz., Rev. George B. Resser, on April 16, and the venerable Treasurer of the Board, Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, D.D., on May 6. Both were faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the Board placed a suitable tribute to their faithfulness upon its minutes.

A special meeting of the Board was held March 28, when the venerable Treasurer, because of his serious illness, resigned the office he had held for twenty-six years, and Rev. J. David Miller was elected in his stead.

The annual meeting was held in Zion Reformed church, Chambersburg, Pa., July 17th, 1901. At this meeting the old officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., *President*; Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier *Secretary*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Treasurer*.

The personal reports of the students, their grade papers and the recommendations of the Classes were duly considered and appropriations voted for the coming year.

Students W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, Joshua L. Bowers and John K. McKee completed their Theological course last May. They have all been licensed and ordained, and are in the active work of the ministry.

The students now under the care of the Board are Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith, and Charles A. Waltman, *Seminary Seniors*, Blanchard A. Black, William H. Causey, Aaron M. Gluck and John E. Stone, *Seminary Middlers*; John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer and Vernon S. Rice, *Seminary Juniors*; Victor A. Barnhart, Charles E. Myers, Edward S. Lamar, Dallas R. Krebs and Howard R. Miller, *College Seniors*; and Edward A. G. Herman, *College Junior*. Joseph E. Guy informed the Board that he would be able to pay his own way during the coming year, which would be his last year in the Seminary, and asked no further appropriation. John Alexander was granted permission to absent himself from the institution for one year for the purpose of earning funds. The names of John H. Detrich and Chalmers W. Walck remain upon the roll without an appro-

priation for this year. The number actually engaged in study is sixteen. No new students were enrolled.

The Board resolved to make its fiscal year begin with the annual meeting, thus making it correspond more nearly with the classical and scholastic year. Therefore the report of the Treasurer herewith presented closes with July 17th, 1901.

It will be seen that only a few Classes assumed the whole amount apportioned to them by Synod, and not many of them raised in full the amount which they did assume.

It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board for three years, to take the place of those whose term of office expires with this meeting, viz: Revs. Drs. Deatrick, deceased, J. W. Santee and J. T. Rossiter; and one for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. G. B. Resser.

By order of the Board.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*.

HUNTINGDON, PA., October 15, 1901.

Report of Treasurer.

J. DAVID MILLER, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education.

RECEIPTS.

From former Treasurer, Dr. Deatrick.....	\$240 46
" Virginia Classis	50 00
" Maryland Classis	301 35
" Juniata Classis	175 00
" Carlisle Classis	126 84
" Gettysburg Classis	75 00
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	\$968 65

PAYMENTS.

To students of Maryland Clasis.....	\$150 00
" " Mercersburg Classis	137 50
" " Juniata Classis	137 50
" " Carlisle Classis	187 50
" " Gettysburg Classis	150 00
" " North Carolina Classis	50 00
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	812 50
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	\$156 15
Paid Express charges on box of books, seal, etc.....	\$ 51
" Revenue Stamps	64
" Postage	60
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	1 75

Balance in Treasury \$154 40

We have examined the account of the Treasurer, compared with vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
T. F. HOFFMEIER.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., July 17th, 1901.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to report as follows:

The Board at its last annual meeting was organized by the election of the same President and Treasurer as formerly and the election of Rev. C. A. Santee as Secretary. At the school during the year ending in June, 1901, there were in attendance two hundred and five boys. Of this number seventy finished the course.

For the year ending June, 1901, the receipts of the school were \$48,805.68. The expenses of the school during the same year were \$36,186.82. Earnings above expenses \$12,618.86.

At the present time we have on the roll two hundred and five pupils, which is twenty-three more than was on the roll at the same time last year. Of these two hundred and five, one hundred and ninety-three are boarders, and but twelve are day scholars. The last year has been the most successful one under the present management. At the Commencement exercises in June, a beautiful portrait in oil of James Buchanan was placed in the dining hall, the gift of his niece, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston. The unveiling of this portrait was attended with proper ceremony, Mrs. Johnston and many others of the deceased President's relatives being present. In the afternoon of the same day, oil portraits of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple and the Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee were unveiled in the chapel. These portraits were the gifts of former pupils of the school. The portrait of Dr. Apple was presented, on behalf of the donors, by the Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. The portrait of Dr. Higbee was presented, on behalf of the donors, by Rev. Geo. F. Mull, A.M., of Franklin and Marshall College.

We feel that this institution is decidedly the best of its kind in our Church, and indeed that it has very few equals in the United States. We ask for it from your reverend body the loyal support which we believe it deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., begs leave to present their ninth annual report, as follows:

At our annual meeting in April last, the Board organized by electing the same officers as those of the preceding year.

We report with pleasure the past as a very successful year. The number of students enrolled was 103, of whom 38 were boarders. In June last, ten were graduated in the Literary department, four in Music, and one in Elocution.

For the year ending July 1, 1901, the total receipts were \$16,261.66. The total expenses, including supplies, rents, salaries, repairs, etc., were \$15,009.56. Earnings over all expenses, \$652.10. We had in hand July, 1900, as assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., \$3,200.70, and on July 1, 1901, \$3,852.80. The several rentals of the College and Conservatory buildings for the year have been paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board, and of the Treasurer of the current college expenses have been subjected to special audit, by Jos. L. Carty, Cashier of the Frederick County National Bank of Frederick, and are certified to by him, as correct.

Endowment Fund invested, \$22,550.75.

Cash in hand, \$72.83.

Total, \$22,623.58.

During the past year, a Steinway Concert Grand Piano has been added to the equipment of the College, largely through the generosity of a few friends in Frederick. An upright piano was placed in the college parlor for permanent use by another friend.

A photographic exhibit of the College was prepared by a member of the College faculty, for the Philadelphia Historical Exhibit last spring, and was then sent to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. As a work of art and as representative of the institution and its work, it compares favorably with those of some of the oldest and best institutions of the country.

The Infirmary erected a few years ago, has proven a valuable addition to the College equipment. It is under the direction of the College Physician, and in charge of a graduate nurse, who is a student in the College, but also gives a course of training in the elements of caring for the sick, sanitation, etc., and who gives such professional care to the sick as may be necessary. She is a member of the Faculty and her presence is a source of relief alike to the authorities of the College, and the friends of the students. Her work during the past year has been highly commended.

During the summer, the buildings have been renovated and improved, adding alike to their comfort and appearance.

A new steam heating plant has displaced the worn-out old hot water system in one of the buildings, and by having its twin boilers connected with the one already in use, has greatly simplified and improved the heating arrangement of the institution. This was done at the cost of \$1,756.25, the one-half

of which sum was paid by the Board of the Frederick Female Seminary.

The College opened very favorably on September 12, 1901. The Faculty consists of sixteen regular professors and six assistants.

The present enrollment is 115, of which number 52 are boarders. With the expansion and increased efficiency of the College, our wants have also increased. The Scientific Department of the Laboratory must have additional equipment to properly do its work. The Library has grown materially through the co-operation of the Alumnae, the students and some friends. The card system of cataloguing has been introduced, which will add to its working value.

On the evening of September 15, 1901, a destructive wind, rain and hail storm swept over a portion of Frederick County, Md. The College Farm was directly in the path of the storm and was damaged in its buildings and otherwise, to the extent of some hundreds of dollars. The repairs we have been compelled to make, will reduce our revenue from the Endowment Fund for the current year.

There has been no increase of the Endowment Fund during the past few years. We have devoted our energies to expanding and increasing the efficiency of the College, but we have reached a point where further advancement is only possible on the basis of an increased income. This may be secured in one of two ways: either by adding to the expenses of the students, or by increasing the Endowment. By the former, we place a college education beyond the reach of many for whom the institution was created; by the latter, the Church will be doing an act of justice to her daughters and will redeem pledges already made by resolution of Synod.

The time of service of Mr. Wm. H. Lakin will expire December 31, 1901, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of Board of Directors.

FREDERICK, MD., October, 1901.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College present the following report:

The enrollment of students for the past scholastic year was one hundred and eighty-two. This is an increase of twenty over the previous year. The present number of students in the College is one hundred and thirty; of this number, seventy-five are boarding in the College.

The length of the school year has been changed from ten to nine months. Efforts have been made to make the school more efficient by establishing a business course, and by giving better advantages in Music and Art. Improvements on the Matron Hall have been made, and the stairway leading into the main building has been rebuilt. At the present time all the available space in the College is occupied and more room is badly needed. An addition of 40 x 20 feet to the dining hall is now being built.

The terms of the following Trustees will expire in 1901: Rev. Paul Barringer, Rev. J. L. Murphy, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong, and C. H. Mebane. It is the duty of this Synod to name the successors to these persons.

The Treasurer's receipts for the last scholastic year amounted to \$5,279.00. Of this amount, \$100.00 was a loan; \$2,335.33 has been collected from tuition; the remainder, \$2,943.67, was collected from interest on funds invested by the College, and from the Synods.

The College has the following Endowment Funds: General Endowment Fund, \$7,100.00; Alumni Endowment Fund, \$4,000.00.

Of the \$17,000.00 promised the College by this Synod, \$3,530.28 has been collected; the cost of collecting the same was \$877.61; leaving \$2,652.67 to be paid into the College treasury.

Of the \$1,000.00 promised by Synod to be paid annually (the last two years \$900.00) to the College by this body, only \$2,680.65 has come into the hands of our Treasurer. The Synod now owes the College \$2,119.35. The Trustees in contracting with their teachers based their calculations on the expectation that Synod would pay this amount, and the failure of Synod so to do has greatly embarrassed the Trustees. We respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the Classis of North Carolina treated with the Synod in good faith and trust that some way may be devised by which the school may yet receive the money. No collections on the Endowment Fund have been made during the past year. This was in harmony with the action of your reverend body at the last annual meeting.

If the appointment of an agent is too expensive, as has been suggested at former meetings of this body, I suggest that Synod appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to apportion the \$14,347.33, the amount of the \$17,000.00 uncollected, upon the different Classes with the instructions that these Classes devise some way (and each to adopt the plan best suited to itself) by which the College can soon have this amount available. It is not available as long as the interest remains unpaid by the Synod.

Nothing has been done towards erecting the proposed new buildings. For this purpose, however, the following amounts have been received: From the Ohio Synod, \$202.35; from the Pittsburg Synod, \$162.00; from the Eastern Synod, \$760.26.

It is pleasing to report that the outlook for the school is promising. The Faculty is composed of young, active men, well up in school work. The number of students is increasing from time to time, and there are many reasons to be encouraged. If Synod will pay promptly the interest on the proposed endowment fund, the Trustees will be able to meet all their financial obligations.

The attention of Synod is again called to the many needs of Catawba College, and the interest of this institution of the Church is laid upon the hearts of the members of the Synod of the Potomac, with the prayer that the Synod may rally around the school and that the Lord may use this institution for His glory.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,
Chairman Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully submits to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1900-1901.

1. The work of the Seminary for the year began September 11, 1900, and was continued without interruption through the year ending May 9, 1901.

2. Twenty-two students were admitted to the Junior Class, of whom eighteen are college graduates, and two are ministers of the Gospel, one of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one of the Church of God. Their names follow: Frank Kauffman Baker, Blanchard Allen Black, Edward David Bright, Perry Crothers Byers, Wm. Henry Causey, Calvin Martin DeLong, Elias Franklin Faust, Aaron Manus Gluck, Daniel Gress, Benjamin Keener Hay, Samuel Charles Hoover, Wm. H. Kershner, Wm. B. Kohler, Edwin S. Leinbach, Charles Lewis Noss, Richard Radcliffe, Frank Wilbur Shullenberger, Simon Sipple, Calvin K. Staudt, Karl Stein, Charles Warlick, Kikutaro Yoshida. Juniors, 22.

3. The Middlers are the same men we reported last year as advanced from the Junior year. Of this number Walter G. Haupt has been teaching in the Academy, and Franklin P. Miller was permitted to withdraw from the Seminary to occupy the Chair of Physical Science and German in the Keystone State Normal School. They have been pursuing the studies

of their class privately. The members of this class were advanced to the Senior year. Middlers, 12.

4. The Seniors having completed the full course of instruction, and having sustained approved examinations were granted the usual testimonial. They are: Fred. S. Borkey, Joshua L. Bowers, Wm. Stuart Cramer, Wm. Franklin Curtis, Albert Charles Diñenbach, Irwin Hoch DeLong, Wm. F. DeLong, Harry Laucks Fogeiman, John Thos. Fox, Wm. Elias Harr, Thos. G. Helm, Adolph Wm. Kaske, John H. Keller, Henry Royer Kreider, Elijah Everett Kresge, Daniel K. Laudenslager, Carl W. B. Long, Albert F. Nace, Howard Obold, Robert James Pilgram, Harry Harbaugh Rupp, David Isaac Schaeffer, Wm. George Seipie, Wm. Custer Slough, Henry Harbaugh Wiand. Seniors, 25.

5. The conduct and Christian character of the students during the year were commendable. With a few exceptions they were engaged in preaching or such other religious services as would train them for their calling.

6. The arrangement with the Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, by which Mr. Claude B. Davis continues as Professor of Oratory, was effected for the current year.

7. Two members of the Board, the Rev. Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., and the Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D.D., died during the year. After long and faithful service in the Church, and many years of service in the Board, where the Church received the benefit of their literary ability, theological attainments and active interest in the welfare of institution and students, these brethren have entered into rest and their works do follow them. At the time of his decease Dr. Porter was President of the Board, to which office the Rev. S. G. Wagner was elected as his successor.

8. The Rev. J. I. Swander has added eight thousand dollars to the amount previously assigned to this Seminary for the establishment of a lectureship. The following resolutions expressive of the wishes of Dr. Swander, as to the manner in which the income of this fund when it shall come fully into the possession of the institution, is to be used, were adopted by the Board, and are hereby laid before the three Synods for consideration.

"WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary has received from Mrs. Barbara Swander of Tiffin, Ohio, a donation of \$12,000.00 to be held and known as the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander 'Memorial Fund,' subject to the conditions and terms specified in a deed of conveyance dated February 8, 1898, and hereto attached, and whereas in a supplemental article of agreement dated January 22, 1901, also hereto attached, tendering an additional \$8,000.00 to the

\$1,800 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Theological Seminary in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	\$900.00
Potomac Synod	600.00
Pittsburgh Synod	300.00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

HELLERTOWN, PA., Oct. 3d, 1901.

Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, to October 1, 1901.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1900.	Dr.		
Oct.	1.	For amount fund reported to Board, General,	\$ 94,652 81
		For amount fund reported to Board, Riegel,	15,680 00
		For amount fund reported to Board, Wilt....	833 33
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			\$111,166 14
Oct.	16.	For amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Philadelphia Classis	\$ 36 95
1901.			
June	3.	For amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Philadelphia Classis	29 00
July	3.	For amount paid by Wilhelm Est., per J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College	258 50
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			\$111,490 59

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1901.	Dr.		
		For sundry incomes and interests received by	
		Treas. from Oct. 1, 1900, to Oct. 1, 1901, \$	6,428 94
	Cr.		
		By salary accounts and sundry bills paid by	
		Treasurer per vouchers, from Oct. 1, 1900,	
		to Oct. 1, 1901.....	\$ 7,813 51
1900.			
Oct.	1.	By balance due Treasurer.....	5,723 50
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			\$ 13,537 01
1901.			
Oct.	1.	Amount Dr. brought down.....	6,428 94
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Oct.	1.	Balance due Treasurer ac. Endowment Fund...	\$ 7,108 07

LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1901.			
Oct.	1.	Principal is	\$ 1,819 96
1900.			
	Dr.		
Oct.	1.	For balance due fund.....	\$98 04
		For Interest on same to Oct. 1, 1901....	142 80
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			\$ 240 84

1901.

Cr.

Oct. 1. By sundry bills paid per vouchers from Oct. 1, 1900, to Oct. 1, 1901..... 159 59

Oct. 1. Balance due fund..... \$ 81 25

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1901.

Oct. 1. Amount of fund is..... \$ 5,000 00

Dr.

For interest received on fund from Oct. 1, 1900, to Oct. 1, 1901.....\$250 00

1901.

Cr.

Oct. 1. By interest paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Beneficiary Board\$250 00

WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.

Amount of fund is..... \$ 833 33

1901.

Oct. 1. And interest included in Current Expense account of Theological Seminary..... 41 66

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

Amount of fund is..... \$ 2,000 75

1900.

Dr.

May 8. For balance due fund.....\$ 5 67

1901.

May 8. For interest due fund to May 8, 1901... 94 20
\$99 87

1901.

Cr.

May 8. By amount paid E. E. Kresge, prize per award of Committee.....\$100 00
By amount Dr. brought down..... 99 87

1901.

May 8. Due Treasurer 13

PRIZE FUND IN SACRED RHETORIC.

1901.

Oct. 1. Amount of fund is..... \$473 24

1901.

Dr.

For interest received on fund to May 8, 1901\$23 66

1901.

Cr.

May 8. By amount paid E. T. Rodes, prize per award of Committee.....\$25 00
Amount Dr. brought down..... 23 66

1901.

May 8. Due Treasurer \$1 34

JOHN L REIGEL FUND.

1901.

Oct. 1. Amount of fund is..... \$15,680 00
All interest on this fund is accounted for in the Treasurer's account for current expenses to October 1, 1901.

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

To Oct. 1st, 1901.

Endt. Fund, General.....	\$94,977 26	
Endt. Fund, Special, Riegel.....	15,680 00	
Endt. Fund, Special, Wilt.....	833 33	
	<hr/>	\$111,490 59
Library Fund		1,819 96
Smaltz Fund		5,000 00
Sacred Rhetoric Fund.....		473 24
Schaff Prize Fund.....		2,000 75
Jacob Forney Fund, Seminary Alcove.....		1,000 00
Henry Wirt Fund, Seminary Alcove.....		1,000 00
Louis E. Schriver Fund, Seminary Alcove.....		1,000 00
Seminary Class '94 Fund, Seminary Alcove.....		981 00
Pittsburgh Synod		30,479 64
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		\$155,245 18

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

LANCASTER, PA., October, 1901.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine and audit the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, respectfully report that we find them correct as presented.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN W. APPEL,

LANCASTER, PA., October, 1901.

Committee.

Report of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

At the last annual commencement in June the degree of A.B. was conferred upon the following members of the Senior Class:

Thomas Roberts Appel,
Walter Kreider Baer,
James Naftzinger Blatt,
John Hacke Bortz,
Willis Gordon Bostaph,
Waldo Tucker Brubaker,
Edward Wilson Feldhoff,
Frederick Benj. Gerner,
Forry Rohrer Getz,
Henry Ellsworth Guyer,
Walter Samuel Hargett,
Harry Garfield Hartman,
Harvey Elias Hartz,
John Shartle Hershey,
Charles Harry Kehm,
Paul Kieffer,
William Henry Kretchman,
Henry Jerome Leinbach,
Howard Jerome Lowell,

George Wellington Lutz,
Jesse Miller Mengel,
Roy Malcolm Neely,
Richard Courtney Rengier,
Christian Hoffer Risser,
Jerry Merkel Schaeffer,
Oliver Scott Schaeffer,
James Jeremiah Schaeffer,
Henry Levi Scheetz,
Morris Guenther Schucker,
John Ried Simpson,
Edward Hollingsworth Sperow,
Henry Irvin Stahr,
John Samuel Staudt,
Henry Wentz Stick,
Frank Albert Suter,
George Leicester Thomas,
Francis Marion Truxal,
Simon Ralph Zimmerman,
Ralph Waldo Zook.

The degree of A.M. in course was conferred upon the following:

Rev. H. King, '70,	S. E. Basehore, Esq., '98,
Rev. C. B. Heller, '81,	John Jay Craig, '98,
Rev. O. P. Steckel, '84,	I. H. DeLong, '98,
Rev. W. B. Werner, '89,	W. F. DeLong, '98,
Rev. J. N. Wagenhurst, '93,	A. F. Gilbert, Esq., '98,
C. B. Pennypacker, '97,	J. H. Keller, '98,
Rev. Henry Harbaugh Rupp, '97,	D. K. Laudenslager, '98,
Howard Dare White, '97,	J. B. Opdycke, '98,
Wayne Heyser Bowers, '98,	W. C. Slough, '98,
J. J. Behney, '98,	William G. Seiple, '98,
Prof. G. C. Bordner, '98,	H. R. Kreider, '98.

The degree of A.M. for work done was conferred upon Paul Adams Herr, '99.

At the request of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B.D. was conferred upon Rev. James M. Mullan. The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon Rev. Silas B. Mase, Rev. D. E. Schoedler, Rev. B. B. Ferer, Rev. A. S. Weber; the degree of Sci.D. upon Prof. Sydney T. Skidmore; and the degree of LL.D. upon Prof. Gonzales Lodge.

The year which has just closed, it is pleasant to report, was in every way one of the most satisfactory in the history of the institution. The work of instruction went forward regularly and successfully, and the order and discipline were all that could be expected. There were cases of sickness both among professors and students, but none of serious or protracted illness.

The enrollment of students during the last year was 184 for the College proper and 180 in the Academy. Deducting from this number 25 names which were given twice, the enrollment of the two institutions would make 339. At the present time the number of students in actual attendance in the college is as follows: Seniors, 34; Juniors, 40; Sophomores, 40; Freshmen, 38; Specials, 8, making in all 160.

The financial condition of the College is fully set forth in the Treasurer's report. All obligations have been met, but there is an apparent deficit of about \$2,100 in the year's operations. It will be remembered that there was an increase made in the salaries of several professors last year, and there was an outlay of about \$450 for an extension of the sidewalk northward along College Avenue, for grading, sodding, etc. The necessity for an increase of the endowment is therefore plainly apparent. During the year the College received a legacy of \$2,000, less the government taxes, from the estate of Miss Catherine H. Long, and the gift of \$828.40 as the portion accruing to the College out of a certain donation made by Mr. Henry Gable to the Board of Home Missions, intended by the

donor for the use of the Science Building, to which it was, accordingly, appropriated.

The salary of Rev. Elmer E. Powell, Ph.D., Professor of Modern Languages, whose work has proved very satisfactory, was increased to \$1,500 a year, and that of Prof. Davis, Professor of Oratory, to \$1,200 a year, the latter to be paid conjointly by the Theological Seminary and the College. The place of Prof. Grove, Assistant in Chemistry, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Herbert H. Beck, and that of Physical Instructor lately held by Dr. Outland, by Dr. John Hedges, late of the University of Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as the Military Department did not prove entirely satisfactory and there was a want of interest, attention and discipline in the work, the Board of Trustees resolved that this department should be abolished altogether and the arms returned to the United State Government. Two vacancies in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by the deaths of Messrs. F. Shroder, of Lancaster, and B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh, were filled by the appointment of Mr. Charles F. Rengier, of Lancaster, and Mr. Paul Wolff, of Pittsburgh. The term of service of Messrs. Peter C. Wiest, of York, and J. B. Livingston, of Lancaster, and John E. Kunkle, of Greensburg, having expired, the Board of Trustees re-elected the Hon. J. B. Livingston and referred the other two vacancies to the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods respectively, by which these vacancies are to be filled.

The attention of the Board of Trustees was specially called to the Science Building and to the steps necessary for its completion. It is a matter for congratulation that the work done up to this time is entirely satisfactory and that the building, in point of appearance, solidity, capacity and adaptedness for its purpose, surpasses our most sanguine expectations. The subscriptions and contributions up to June last amounted to a little over \$31,000, nearly all of which has been paid in. It was felt to be of the utmost importance that steps should be taken for the immediate completion of the building, first of all, because it is so sorely needed for the prosecution of our work. The cramped conditions under which we are laboring, in the nature of the case interferes not only with the comfort and convenience of professors and students, but also with the proficiency of their work. Besides this, the money now invested in an unfinished building would be a dead loss until the building was made available for the service of the College. Feeling that the time had come for a united, earnest, enthusiastic effort along the whole line by which it would be possible especially to reach those persons who are in a position to make contributions of considerable amount, a change of method was adopted. The Financial Secretary, who desired the Board of Trustees to be

entirely unhampered in devising plans for the prosecution of the work, handed in his resignation. This resignation was accepted by the Board of Trustees with due acknowledgment to the Financial Secretary, the Rev. A. M. Schmidt, for his earnest, faithful labors in the interest of the College and of the Science Building. Of the \$31,000 secured for the Science Building, about \$21,000 was secured by Mr. Schmidt, and a large portion of it under conditions in which his personal influence was a large factor. The Board of Trustees, with commendable zeal and enthusiasm, went to work, first of all, to set the example, and then to appeal to the friends of the College generally to assist in the prosecution of the canvass throughout the Church. At the meeting of the Board and at the Alumni Dinner, pledges were made by members of the Board and by friends of the College who were present to the amount of about \$19,000. It is expected that the finishing of the building, the contract for heating and ventilating the same and the furnishing of the recitation rooms will cost about \$30,000. The equipments for the laboratories will cost about \$5,000 more; so that there remains to be raised from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Contracts for the finishing of the building and for heating and ventilating the same have been given and the work is well under way, so that we confidently expect the building to be finished and ready for occupancy by the 1st of January, 1902. The Board of Trustees appeal to the three Synods and the friends of the College everywhere to go to work through their proper committees and raise the amount still needed, so that when the building is finished it may be opened and occupied free of debt, with the consciousness that a good work has been well and nobly done.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR, *President*.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The Committee on Education would respectfully present the following report:

The following documents were referred to this Committee:

1. Catalogues of the following institutions: Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; Catawba College, Newton, N. C.; Massanutten Academy, Woodstock, Va.

2. The Report of the Board of Education of the Potomac Synod.

3. The Report of Rev. John S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College.

4. The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

5. The Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

6. The Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

7. The Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

8. The Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

Almost without exception, these reports speak of the past year as one of the most successful in the history of the institutions. Our institutions, both literary and theological, are in a prosperous condition. Their very prosperity, however, has had the effect of producing increased needs and increased demands upon the liberality of the Church.

At Franklin and Marshall College there were enrolled during the past year, in the College and the Academy together, 339 students. The most immediate and urgent need of this institution is the completion of the Science Building. Thirty-one thousand dollars having previously been secured, there was raised, on the occasion of the Alumni Dinner at the last College Commencement, by pledges from members of the Board and friends of the institution, the additional sum of \$19,000. For the completion of the building, the furnishing of the recitation rooms, and the equipment of the laboratories, there will still be needed from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The financial condition of the College shows a deficit in the year's operations, and gives warning of the need of an increase of its endowment.

In view of these circumstances, the following action is recommended:

Resolved, That Franklin and Marshall College, an institution so vitally connected with the history of our Church, and on which to so great an extent the welfare of our Church depends, be earnestly commended to the interest and liberality of our people, and that the attention of persons of means within the bounds of the Potomac Synod be specially called to the need of an increase of its endowment.

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Board of Trustees in proceeding, without delay, to complete the Science Building; and that we urge upon the several Classes of this Synod the necessity of pushing forward, with promptness and vigor, through appropriate committees the work of raising the money needed for this purpose.

From the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, we learn that its income is not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the institution. The Board requests the Synod to take up the question of increasing the permanent Endowment Fund of the Seminary, and also asks that the sum of \$1,800 be apportioned among the three Synods to meet the deficit in the annual expenses, in the following proportion: Eastern Synod, \$900; Pittsburgh Synod, \$300; Potomac Synod, \$600.

We suggest the following action:

Resolved, That, while other interests for the present prevent the inauguration of any movement for the further endowment of the Theological Seminary, this Synod calls the attention of its Classes and congregations to the necessity of organizing such movement in the not distant future, and meanwhile commends this object to the liberality of those among our people who are able to contribute liberally to the cause of education.

Resolved, That this Synod assumes the sum of \$600 as its proportionate share of the deficit of \$1,800, and that this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

As regards the matters brought to the attention of this Synod by the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the following action is recommended:

Resolved, That this Synod approves of the action taken by the Board of Visitors, in regard to the Swander Memorial Lectureship, and hereby expresses its grateful appreciation of the liberality of the Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., and his wife, in the establishment of this Lectureship.

Resolved, That this Synod will contribute the sum, \$250, which it is asked to contribute towards the Seminary's portion of the salary of the Professor of Elocution, and that this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

From the Report of the Regents of Mercersburg College, we learn that this institution is meeting with extraordinary popularity and success. During the year closing in June last, 205 boys were enrolled, and, notwithstanding the fact that seventy of these finished their course at the Commencement in June, there is now the same number in attendance.—193 boarders and 12 day pupils.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily rejoices in the continued and increasing prosperity of Mercersburg Academy, and extends to President Irvine and the Board of Regents its cordial congratulations.

Resolved, That this Synod again earnestly commends this Academy to the liberal support and patronage of our people.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., shows that the past year has been a very successful one in the history of that institution. Of the Woman's College also it is true that its expansion and increased efficiency have increased its needs. The immediate need is that of the equipment of its Scientific Department. There is great need, also, of increase in the general endowment of the College.

We recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its deep conviction of the great importance, to all its work, of the work which has been done and is being done by the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., and specially commends this institution to the interest and liberality of our people.

Resolved, That our pastors and consistories are requested to open the way for the visiting of the congregations by the President or some other representative of the Woman's College, for the purpose of making known to them the nature and needs of the institution, and soliciting contributions for the increase of its endowment.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College shows an increase in the number of students, and that all the available space in the college is occupied and more room is needed. The institution, however, has been embarrassed in its work by the non-fulfillment of the obligations assumed by this Synod in regard to the increase of its endowment. Of the \$17,000 promised by the Synod, less than \$3,000 has actually been paid. The sum of \$1,000 (recently \$900) which the Synod agreed to pay annually, has not been fully paid. On this account there is at present due Catawba College the sum of \$2,119.35. In regard to these matters the following action is recommended:

Resolved, That this Synod recognizes the great importance to it and its work of Catawba College, and expresses its grateful appreciation of the services which the institution has rendered, and is rendering to the cause of Christian education within the Reformed Church.

Resolved, That this Synod, holding itself to be sacredly bound to fulfill the promises made by it, directs that the sum now due Catawba College, together with the sum of \$900 for the coming year, be apportioned among the several Classes, and that the attention of the Classes, the pastors and the congregations be called to the necessity of raising this money in order to redeem the pledge made by this Synod.

From the report of the Board of Education we learn that the

work of the Board has been carried forward during the year in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the same. There are at present eighteen students under the care of the Board, in attendance upon the several institutions of the Church. The report shows that not all the Classes assumed the entire amount apportioned by this Synod, and that not all raised even what was assumed, the Board being thereby somewhat hindered in its operations. The following resolution is therefore recommended:

Resolved, That this Synod accepts and assumes the sum of \$3,000 for beneficiary education, and that this amount be apportioned among the several Classes.

Resolved, That this Synod requests the hearty co-operation of all the Classes in this cause, and urges pastors and congregations to see to it that the entire amount apportioned for beneficiary education be paid.

From the catalogue of Massanutten Academy we learn that this institution is in a flourishing condition. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod learns with pleasure of the success of Massanutten Academy, and commends it to the favorable consideration of our people.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. KIEFFER, *Chairman*...

The committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., under item 4 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, reported that nothing had been done during the year. The committee was continued. Rev. M. O. Noll was appointed chairman, and Rev. I. W. Hendricks was appointed member of the committee to represent Juniata Classis. The committee as constituted is as follows: Revs. M. O. Noll, A. S. Weber, I. M. Motter, H. M. J. Klein, J. D. Andrew, W. E. Krebs, L. T. Lampe, E. O. Keen and I. W. Hendricks.

A committee consisting of Revs. J. B. Shontz, M. O. Noll and Elder George A. Wood, was appointed to ascertain the amount of interest paid to Catawba College, the deficit now existing, what Classes are in arrears, the amount collected by the Financial Agent of the College, and the expenses incurred in the collection of the same.

At the election of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday forenoon, Revs. J. W. Santee, J. T. Rossiter, S. U. Waugaman were elected members of the Board of Education for three years, and Rev. W. C. Cremer

for one year; Revs. C. A. Santee and C. R. Dieffenbacher were chosen regents of Mercersburg College for a term of three years; Elder W. H. Lakin, Director of Woman's College for five years; Elder P. C. Wiest, Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College for a period of ten years.

At the same time the following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly, and Messrs. A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong, G. McCorkle.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. J. W. Santee, J. T. Rositer, S. U. Waugaman, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. D. Miller, for two years; Revs. A. S. Weber, I. N. Peightel and W. C. Cremer, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Revs. C. A. Santee and C. R. Dieffenbacher, for three years; Revs. I. N. Peightel, and Elder S. Hoeflich, for two years; Revs. F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier and M. O. Noll, for one year.

Note.—Through oversight, Synod failed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. G. B. Resser, and the expiration of term of office of Elder A. R. Schnebley.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Elder W. H. Lakin, for five years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for four years; Elder J. Gassman, for three years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for two years, and Rev. C. S. Slagle, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. W. Santee, for three years; Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schaeffer, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders J. H. Schriver and J. T. Motter, for five years; Elders J. H. Cost and E. A. Shulenberger, for three years; Elders I. Laucks and S. N. Hench, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Mome Missions, the Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and an overture concerning Grace Reformed church, Washington, D. C., were severally referred to the

Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Thursday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—This report has to do only with missions and matters within the two Synods. The condition of these missions has been carefully noted by your Board from quarter to quarter, and the recommendations made to the General Board have nearly all been approved.

In April last, owing to the retirement of the former President, Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, the Board elected in his stead Rev. C. A. Santee.

It is easy to see that the management of our assets, now amounting to about \$38,000, distributed in about thirty items of loans and investments, requires careful oversight. The treasurer's report, which is herewith presented as part of this report, shows that the loans made during the year have taken from the treasury every dollar, leaving indeed a small amount due the treasurer.

Of the five missions which became self-supporting during the year, three were within the bounds of the Eastern Synod, namely, Royersford, Pa., Tower City, Pa., and St. Thomas, Reading, Pa.

One of our missionaries, Rev. Gerny Weber, of Salisbury, N. C., was called to his heavenly reward.

It is a pleasure to note that all our missions have pastors, except Harrisonburg, Va.

Notwithstanding an embarrassing debt, the General Board enrolled two of our missions, Memorial church, Easton, Pa., and Walnutport, Pa.

Two churches have been built, namely, at Lexington, N. C., and at High Point, N. C.; and three have been enlarged, Norristown, Pa., Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa., and St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md., also parsonages have been built in Roanoke, Va., and in South Norwalk, Conn. A congregation will soon be organized at Walnutport, Pa., and a Hungarian congregation has been organized in Phoenixville, Pa.

The unusually large number of Church building funds received this year from these two Synods is cheering evidence of a growing interest in this important part of our work. They are as follows: From Mrs. Sarah H. Super, Collegeville, Pa., two; Elder Henry Gable, Larue, Pa., two; Elder George A. Wood,

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Mrs. R. R. Santee, Mercersburg, Pa.,	\$ 68 00	
Mrs. F. A. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.,	10 00	
Infant Dept. Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa.,	4 56	
Elder John Brewster, Huntingdon, Pa.,	5 00	
Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.,	160 27	
C. E. Society, Mt. Alto, Pa.,	3 00	
Interest on Gerhard Legacy,	6 00	
Interest on Jacob Wagner Legacy,	100 00	
Reformed church, Rieglesville, Pa.,	245 96	
Church members at Souderton, Pa.,	1 00	
Thankful hearts, Mt. Alto, Pa.,	10 00	
A friend, Philadelphia, Pa.,	5 00	
A friend, Salisbury, N. C.,	1 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod,..	945 14	
Rents from Gabel houses. Steelton, Pa.,	113 77	\$1,678 70
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		\$26,676 10

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Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer General Board..	\$26,676 10
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FOR HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod.....	\$1,836 47	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis.....	136 20	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis....	146 00	
Dr. J. Deissinger, Treas. Zion's Classis.....	79 53	
Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis	50 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	55 33	
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FOR HARBOR MISSIONS.

J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod.....	358 47	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis.....	23 00	
Dr. J. Deissinger, Treas. Zion's Classis.....	11 87	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	9 17	
	<hr/>	\$402 51

FOR GERMAN MISSION WORK.

J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod.....	877 97	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis.....	134 85	
Dr. J. Deissinger, Treas. Zion's Classis.....	58 84	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis.....	28 57	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis.....	110 00	\$1,210 23
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Paid Geo. W. Stein, Treas. General Board.....	\$3,916 27
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II.—Designated Moneys.

Reading Classis, for Rev. F. B. Hahn,	75 00
Reading Classis, for Rev. M. A. Kieffer,	25 00
Reading Classis, for Faith church, Read- ing, Pa.,	100 00
Reading Classis, for Lexington, N. C.,	5 00
Reading Classis, for Olivet church, Read- ing, Pa.,	50 00
Reading Classis, for Rev. F. P. Laros, Potts- town, Pa.,	10 00

Mrs. R. R. Santee, for Lexington, N. C.	5 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, General Synod for Lexington, N. C.	5 00	
St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Pa., for Faith church, Lancaster, Pa.	20 00	
Reformed church, Woodberry, Md., for Rev. Harsanyi.	2 00	
Sunday-school, Bellefonte, Pa., for Des Moines, Ia.	15 00	
Sunday-school, Carlisle, Pa., for Scranton, Pa. .	10 00	\$331 00
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Paid as designated.		\$331 00
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III.—Church Building.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 17, 1901.		\$2,604 92
Lebanon Classis	147 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	216 55	
Tohickon Classis	22 88	
Reading Classis	421 00	
Schuylkill Classis	60 00	
Lehigh Classis	150 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	52 60	
West Susquehanna Classis	203 16	
Goshenhoppen Classis	150 00	
Lancaster Classis	183 41	
Philadelphia Classis	179 00	
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		\$2,075 60

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Catharine Trone and Richard B. Schmidt Fund	\$100 00	
Henry and Elizabeth Gable Fund	500 00	
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		\$000 00

LOANS REPAID.

Fourth church, Harrisburg, Pa.	\$1,125 00	
Reformed church, Steelton, Pa.,	275 00	
Grace church, Altoona, Pa.,	500 00	
Heidelberg church, Thomasville, N. C.	225 00	
Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn.,	100 00	
Reformed church, Timberville, Va.,	25 00	
Reformed church, Lexington, N. C.,	200 00	
Reformed church, Salisbury, N. C.,	242 50	
C. M. Boush, Treas., on Sioux City Loan,	500 00	
Church Extension Society, Baltimore, Md., ..	500 00	
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IV.—Legacy Account.

Mrs. Anna K. Uhler, Manheim, Pa., which years ago was consumed in the general work, but now restored out of the general treasury	\$1,000 00	
Francis Polack, York, Pa., which years ago was consumed in the general work and now restored out of the general treasury.....	500 00	\$1,500 00
Balance due the treasurer, Sept. 23, 1901.....		1,558 58
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		\$18,031 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treas., for church building,	\$2,075 60	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, for lot and church at Lexington, N. C.,	1,000 00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, for lot and church at High Point, N. C.,	1,000 00	
Loan to Palatinate church, Philadelphia, Pa.,...	1,000 00	
Loan to St. John's church, Harrisburg, Pa.,....	5,000 00	
Loan to Christ church, Packerton, Pa.,.....	500 00	
Loan to Zion's church, Marietta, Pa.,.....	500 00	
Loan to Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn.,	800 00	
Loan to St. Paul's church, Roanoke, Va.,.....	1,500 00	
Loan to Messiah church, Philadelphia, Pa.,....	1,182 00	
Loan to St. Mark's church, Baltimore, Md.,....	3,300 00	
Refunded to West Susquehanna Classis amount paid on its Church Building Fund.....	174 00	
		\$18,031 60

V.—General Treasury.

To Balance in treasury, Sept. 17, 1900.....		\$1,987 83
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell, interest,.....	\$ 95 00	
From Hungarian church, Trenton, N. J.,.....	36 00	
From C. M. Boush, Treas. General Board, int..	222 50	
From Grace church, Altoona, Pa., interest....	140 00	
From Maryland Classis, interest.....	72 50	
From Heidelberg church, Thomasville, N.C.,int.	7 50	
From Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn., int,	32 00	
From Orebaugh Note, Timberville, Va., int....	2 50	
From Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C., int.	15 93	
From Wyoming Classis, on bond, interest.....	10 00	
From Wyoming Classis, Scranton Mission, int.	212 50	
From Trinity church, Altoona, Pa., interest....	28 00	
From Mrs. Leah Seidle, interest.....	90 00	
From Reformed church, Parryville, Pa., interest	25 00	
From Reformed church, Lykens, Pa., interest..	30 00	
From Grace church, Allentown, Pa., interest....	30 00	
From Burlington church, N. C., interest.....	15 00	
From Tioga church, Philadelphia, Pa., interest..	20 00	
From St. Paul's church, Roanoke, Va., interest	90 00	
From Baltimore City, tax refunded,.....	6 89	
From Grace church, Washington, D. C., balance loan	45 00	
From Dividends York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy	37 50	
		1,263 82
		\$3,251 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Tax on Baltimore mortgage.....	14 60
Tax on Astoria, Oregon, lot.....	19 30
Fire Insurance at Salisbury, N. C.....	28 00
Amount to restore the Anna K. Uhler legacy..	1,000 00
Amount to restore the Francis Polack legacy...	500 00
Traveling expenses of the Board, stationery and postage	102 87

Salary of the Secretary.....	75 00	
Salary of the Treasurer.....	75 00	
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 23d. 1901.....	1,436 88	
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VI.—Donation.

From Henry Gabel, of Larue, Pa., of real estate in Steelton, with direction to sell and distribute.

Received from Joseph Zachs and Abraham Lichenstein for real estate sold to them..	\$3,000 00	
Received for rents.....	113 77	
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Paid Fire insurance, revenue stamps and other expenses	\$ 30 68	
Paid John B. Litch judgment and interest....	312 50	
Paid rents to General Board of Missions.....	113 77	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treas., to constitute the Henry and Elizabeth Gabel Church Building Fund	500 00	
Paid Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, to constitute the Henry and Elizabeth Gabel Church Building Fund	500 00	
Paid one-half of balance to J. W. B. Bausman, Treas. for Science Building, Lancaster, Pa.	828 41	
Balance in Treasury Sept. 23d. 1901.....	828 41	
		<hr/> \$3,113 77

The above balance is for Grace Memorial church, Washington, D. C., if needed. Otherwise to constitute a Church Building Fund under the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

MUMMELSTOWN, PA., September 23d. 1901.

HARRISBURG PA., Sept. 23. 1901.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above report and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JAMES C. THOMPSON.

II.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, from April 1, 1900, to September 1, 1901.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The General Synod's Board of Home Missions hereby presents, for your consideration a report of its operations. This report includes what was sent to the Classes for the year ending March 31, 1901, and such additional facts, as should be stated, in order to bring the report up to September 1, 1901.

OUR MISSIONS.—There were one hundred missions on the roll of the Board during the year. Five have become self-supporting, while by previous action several new ones were entered on the roll, on April 1st, so that the new missionary year began

with ninety-six missions on the roll, and including the Harbor Mission at New York—ninety-seven in all. Since then two more have been enrolled, making the present number ninety-nine. A few of the missions are now without pastors but pastors will soon be supplied. The missions never were in a more prosperous condition than at present.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.—This department of our work continues to be interesting and prosperous. Three new congregations were organized during the year—one at Johnstown, Pa., one at East Toledo, O., and one at Phoenixville, Pa. Other points are open for organization. The Board has called two more pastors from Hungary for this work. Rev. Frank Csankfordi, who had been appointed traveling Hungarian Missionary resigned that position in September last in order to take charge of the newly organized mission at Johnstown. He has now resigned that mission with a view of returning to his native land.

FIELD SECRETARY.—Rev. Charles E. Creitz resigned as Field Secretary on July 1, 1900. The officers of the Board were directed to call to this office another suitable man. They challenged Rev. David N. Dittmar. He accepted the call and began his work February 1st, 1901. The Board commends him and his work to the hearty support of the Church. He has done efficient work since assuming the office.

TWENTIETH CENTURY LITERATURE.—At the time of the last annual meeting, the President of the Board reported that thirteen tracts, on the different phases of the home Missionary work, were in progress of publication. These have all been published and sent to the pastors of the English Synods, as well as to many German pastors. The Board believes that these tracts will do much good if the pastors have been faithful in distributing them among their people. Sixty thousand of each have been sent into the Church. Many calls have come for similar tracts on other Home Missionary subjects.

BUILDING FUNDS.—The following Church Building Funds were either completed or given in full during the year: Westmoreland Classis Fund, Calvin Blessing Fund, Hillegass Fund, Eberhart Fund, The Simons Fund, The Imler Congregation Fund, The Roney Fund, W. M. S. Allegheny Classis Fund, W. M. S. Interior Synod Fund, St. Paul's S. S. Reading Memorial Fund, The Blanche Harnish Fund, The Gettysburg Classis Fund, The Sarah H. Super Fund, The Anna B. Hahn Fund, The Geo. A. Wood Fund, The J. R. Hilbish and family Fund, The John H. Shook Fund, The Daniel and Polly Frantz Fund—eighteen in all. All these were \$500 Funds except the Roney Fund which was \$250. These exceeded the number received during any previous year. Two additional Funds have

Come into the hands of the Board during the summer. These will be named in the next annual report of the Board to the Classes. There came into this Fund also from the apportionments the sum of \$4,064.95. This sum from the apportionments has also been largely increased since the annual report was sent out in April. Quite a number of the Classes paid in full the six cents per member asked by the Board for this work. This arm of the work was never in as good condition as now.

A DONATION.—An example of liberality worthy of mention is the transfer of a property in Steelton, Pa., to the Bi-Synodic Board, by Elder Henry Gable, of York county, Pa. This property is worth about \$3,000 and is an offering that may well challenge others to a noble liberality. There is coming to prevail in the Church a more liberal spirit in the way of giving large sums for the extension of the work.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHURCH.—The Board has put forth every reasonable effort to raise the \$30,000 needed for the Memorial Church at Washington, D. C. This project, it was hoped, would enlist the hearty support of the whole church. The amount received up to the present is a little over \$10,000. The Church should make this movement a success at a very early date. Whatever plans the Synods can devise for the speedy accomplishment of the project should be carried into effect at once. The Church should certainly be erected during 1901 and 1902.

THE FINANCES.—According to the statement of the Treasurer the amount received from March 15th, 1900, to April 6th, 1901, for the English, Hungarian, Bohemian, and German Missions was \$43,975.39. This amount reaches about the average given by the Church for some years past, but it does not come up to the higher standard set by the General Synod at Tiffin. It is very manifest that unless the contributions to the home work become larger, the Board cannot extend, for the present, the sphere of its operations. From April 1st to September 1st about \$22,000 were paid in, but this amount leaves the Board practically where it was financially.

THE DEBT.—We are under the necessity of reporting that the indebtedness of the Board at the end of the year, amounts to \$18,508.94. This is much the same as it was at the opening of the year. We are sorry to say that we gained nothing during the year, as regards the finances. The out-lay of the Board has been increased somewhat, but the amount of money coming into the treasury has not increased. The last General Synod demanded of the Board a larger amount of work, over a more extended territory. For this purpose a larger sum of money was voted, namely the sum of \$65,000. The Church at large must face the problem as to what shall be done under these cir-

cumstances. The debt on July 1, after all the Easter offerings were in and after all the Classes had met and settled for the Classical year, was in round numbers \$18,000.

IRON CHURCHES.—The matter of Iron Churches came up at the July meeting of the Executive Committee in the report of Superintendent Whitmer. The subject had been spoken of prior to this time, but no formal action was taken. These churches cost about \$2,000 and are made in sections, with flooring and wainscoting, so that they can be taken down and moved from place to place as they may be needed. They are imported and the above price includes freight and duties. The Executive Committee authorized Superintendent Whitmer to order one of these churches as soon as he has procured donations for that purpose amounting to \$1,500. That sum has been procured by him and the church will be secured at as early a day as possible, and will be first used by the new mission in West Philadelphia.

THE ENLARGED WORK.—Since the missions have been unified under the General Board there has been a steady enlargement of the work. The number of missions enrolled has increased from year to year. The operations have taken a wider scope. The work has been more thoroughly organized. The Board is now enabled to better supervise the operations over the whole field. During the past year there has come into the hands of the Board for all the departments of the work \$85,000. The Church Building department is especially prosperous, and has during the ten years past made remarkable progress. Today, the Board has in lots and church building property which at a fair estimate, is worth at least \$200,000. This property is under the general supervision of the Board and requires a great deal of attention on the part of the Board.

OBJECT IN VIEW.—It is the duty and privilege of the Board to help the missions as much as possible, in every way possible. Especially is it the desire of the Board, not only that the missions shall become self-sustaining as quickly as possible, but that the missions shall secure their own church homes. The Board is entrusted with the money of the church with which to assist the missions. To this end the Board buys lots for the missions, and in many cases makes loans for the erection of churches. But the object in view is that the missions shall, as speedily as possible, pay back this money to the Board. This is desirable not only to enable the Board to help other worthy missions, but because every mission should hold its church property in its own name. It would be well for the Synods and Classes to encourage the missions within their bounds to do

forth their best efforts for the repayment of such funds to the Board.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY.—After the resignation of Rev. J. C. Horning as Sunday-school missionary, the office remained vacant until September 1, 1901. At the annual meeting of the Board the Sunday-school Board presented the matter of the election of some one to fill again that office. Under the agreement of the two Boards, both joined in the selection of a man for the position. The selection of a man to fill the office properly is not an easy matter. The Sunday-school Board presented the name of Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach as a good man for the position. The General Board of Missions concurred in the selection. It is the understanding between the two Boards, that Missionary Dieffenbach shall begin work in Allegheny, Pa., and remain there for a year or two, or until the Mission Board has the means at hand to take up the mission and sustain it. Brother Dieffenbach is now at work in Allegheny.

GERMAN MISSIONS.—The missions under the German Boards are making good progress. The two German Boards are doing a good work. There are under the care of these Boards, at the present time, thirty-four missions. For the maintenance of these missions the sum of \$10,000 was raised during the past year and about the same sum expended. These Boards received during the year also the sum of \$3,800 and expended the same for church building cause. The whole amount of the building funds of the German Boards is now \$35,440. Our German work should be greatly extended.

THE OUTLOOK.—What of the future? The outlook never was better. The missions never were in better condition. There never were as many calls for new missions. The Synodical Boards and Classical committees are continually calling the attention of the Board to new points where Missions should be founded. These additional calls must be taken as evidences that the Lord is giving us work to do. He presents us the opportunities, and we believe that He does this because He has given us the means with which to accomplish much. But the fact must be admitted that the whole Church is not alive to the need of the work. The Church has not furnished the funds that she might have furnished. The Church at large must determine the extent of our operation. According to the funds furnished the Board will extend the borders. The Board pleads for greater liberality.

D. S. FOUSE,

Missionary Superintendent.

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.

MISSIONS	MISSIONARIES	No of Congregations	Communicant Members	Additions	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational use	Amount given for Benevolence	Salary to be paid by the Mission from April 1st, 1901.	Appropriations voted by the Board from April 1st, 1901.
OHIO SYNOD								
Akron, Ohio	James S. Freeman	1	214	54	1849	255	600	350
Alliance, Ohio	Harvey E. Kilmer	1	70	33	430	53	150	300
Athens Mich.	S. L. Runkle	2	80	7	507	48	350	150
Barberton, Ohio	Charles E. Ewing	1	100	33	968	117	200	275
Canton, Ohio	Fred Strassner	1	66	17	1028	46	200	375
Cleveland, Ohio	Alex Cantorosa	4	210	71	1977	6	325	325
Cleveland, Ohio	Anton Korbel	1	50		152		50	550
Columbus, Ohio	Sam B Yorkley, D.D.	1	86	14	1205	43	125	875
Colon, Mich.	Harvey S. Nicholson	3	118	17	847	96	325	175
Detroit, Mich	Charles W. Brugh	1	47	15	538	170		575
Lima, Ohio	Abram D. Wolfinger	1	50	10	397	117	150	625
Massillon, Ohio	Oliver P. Frost	1	105	12	800	123	350	400
*Obmer Park, Ohio.	Sam E. Snapp	1	80					400
Paulding, Ohio	F. S. Zaugg	1	30					300
Springfield, Ohio	Reuben F. Shultz	1	101	8	804	113	350	650
Toledo, Ohio	Edw. D. Wittach, D.D.	1	55	55	178	13	25	1000
Toledo, Ohio, Hung	Alex Cantorosa Supt	1	100	100	10	6		700
Warren, Ohio	J. J. M. Graber	1	121	17	1018	150	200	450
Youngstown, Ohio	John M. Kendlig, D.D.	2	141	14	1087	189	400	725
PITTSBURG SYNOD								
Apollo, Pa	D. E. Master	1	151	9	1050	100	500	225
Braddock, Pa	Alpha K. Kline	1	117	21	975	140	400	400
Buffalo, N. Y.	John M. G. Darms	1	175	37	1175	70	250	175
Buffalo, N. Y.	Adolph Kramp	1	52	20	2000	100		300
Connellsville, Pa	Andrew J. Heller, D.D.	1	40	12	171	24		800
Cumberland Md	C. A. Hauser	3	110	12	641	120	275	625
Duquesne, Pa	John K. Adams	2	45	20	913	16		750
Grove City, Pa	David W. Kerr	3	128	1	575	94	500	150
Johnstown, Pa	J. Harvey Mickley	1	247	31	2101	370	750	250
Johnstown Pa. Hung	Frank Crawford	1	240	12	1400	5	200	500
New Kensington, Pa	Daniel E. Leuder	1	103	17	693	121	450	450
Pittsburg, Pa.	Paul Kovha	6	800	19	2005	113	275	400
Punxsutawney, Pa	Lewis Reller	1	52	12	587	113	375	180
Pitcairn, Pa.	Albert D. Hartman	1	26	4	115	10	200	600
Scottsdale, Pa.	Charles R. Ferner	2	153	8	875	300		150
Sharpsville, Pa	J. E. Shewin	2	186	5	498	85	425	150
Turtle Creek, Pa	Timothy R. Dietz	1	133	23	675	123	575	275
Vandergrift, Pa	D. Snyder Stephan	1	53	18	440	30	200	500
INTERIOR SYNOD								
Ablene, Kans.	Charles D. Shafer	1	113	25	700	150	400	300
Altamont Ill.	G. W. Kerstetter	2	85	0	137	34	250	250
Anna Ill.	Raymond R. Luckey	2	80	9	1102	38		150
Boulder, Iowa	Peter Beck	2	45		250	24	200	100
Brandon, Iowa		1	26	1	225	40	125	250
Cheney, Kans	James R. Lewis	1	74	14	625	125	425	75
Chicago, Ill	Benjamin B. Royer	1	58	10	787	142	400	1100
Chicago, Ill	James Pudysla	1	13		60			900
Chicago, Ill.	Alex Harsanyi	1	192	8	465	20	240	475
Conestoga, Iowa		1	70					150
Denver, Colo	D. H. Fouse	1	74	5	2000	40	300	1100
Des Moines, Iowa	E. E. Emhoff	1	19	19	1505	18		1000
Edinburg Ill.	George S. Gill	2	90	0	941	102	400	
Emporia, Kans.	Lawrence S. Faust	1	29	4	228	54	150	450
Hawatha, Kans	Luther L. Hassenpflug	1	102	23	500	70	400	225
Holton, Kans.	Wm. H. Sellheim	2	52	8	345	17	200	475
Iola, Kans.	Dennis B. Shae	3	76	4	415	168	225	875
Kansas City, Mo.	W. F. Curtis	1	70		500	50	300	750
Leighton, Iowa	George Baumgartel	1	97	18	595	167	375	100

MISSIONS.

MISSIONARIES.

		No. of Congregations	Communicant Members	Additions	Amount raised by the Missionaries for Congregational use.	Amount given for Home Missions.	Salaries to be paid by the Missionaries from April 1st, 1901.	Value of donations voted by the Board from April 1, 1901.
Lincoln, Neb.	Franklin B. Fisher	1	23	8	25	25	25	25
Leare Tree, Iowa	John W. Love, D.D.	1	25	4	25	25	25	25
Lyons, Kans.		1	23	12	22	22	22	22
Manly City, Iowa	Thomas T. Stalder	1	25	5	25	25	25	25
Shelby, Ill.	John F. Ruff	1	25	4	25	25	25	25
St. Joseph, Mo.	Amos O. Rottger	1	25	4	25	25	25	25
Tipton, Iowa	John N. Nais	1	24	22	24	24	24	24
Union, Iowa	George V. Walker	1	25	5	25	25	25	25
White Water, Kans.	William C. Baum	1	25	1	25	25	25	25
Wichita, Kans.	Frederick Griffith	1	16	11	25	25	25	25
Whitman Junction, Iowa	Samuel Bean	2	151	5	25	25	25	25
St. Louis, Mo.	John C. Harding	1	13	2	24	24	24	24
POTOMAC SYNOD								
Alexandria, Pa.	John D. Hicks	1	12	3	14	14	14	14
Baltimore, Md.	Adam S. Weber	1	12	2	14	14	14	14
Baltimore, Md.	Wm. I. Stewart	1	12	16	14	14	14	14
Baltimore, Md.	Edward J. Phipps	1	14	16	14	14	14	14
Baltimore, Md.	Charles W. Lewis	1	12	1	14	14	14	14
Baltimore, Md.	James M. Miller	1	4	4	14	14	14	14
Burlington, N. C.	James D. Andrew	2	11	1	2	2	2	2
Harrisonburg, Va.		1						
High Point, N. C.	J. C. Leonard	1	25	23	19			
Roanoke, Va.	Edith S. Hay	1	5	15	25	25	25	25
Salisbury, N. C.	W. R. Jordan	1	21	15	21			
Thomasville, N. C.	Jacob N. Faus	2	19	15	25	25	25	25
Washington, D. C.	John M. Schick, D.D.	1	14	21	10	25	25	25
EASTERN SYNOD								
Bridgeport, Conn.	Alexander Kaimsey	1	22	2	14	14	14	14
Easton, Pa.	J. W. Gales	1						
Harrisburg, Pa.	William H. Seeger	1	11	15	14	14	14	14
Harrisburg, Pa.	J. R. Stutz	1	9	25	25	25	25	25
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Albert G. Grier	1	16	25	14	14	14	14
New York, N. Y.	Z. H. Kuhn	2	11	14	25	25	25	25
Scranton, Pa.	Robert R. Rags	1	12	8	14	14	14	14
Scranton, Pa.	William S. Harrell	1	21	15	14	14	14	14
Philadelphia, Pa.	Anna N. H.	1	12	27	14	14	14	14
Philadelphia, Pa.	Charles B. Alsop	1	13	15	14	14	14	14
Philadelphia, Pa.	E. W. Mott	1	12	15	14	14	14	14
Philadelphia, Pa.	J. O. Ragsdale	1	12	15	14	14	14	14
Philadelphia, Pa.	H. E. Jones	1	12	24	25	25	25	25
Scranton, Pa.	Marion L. Fine	1	8	15	25	25	25	25
South Norwalk, Conn.	Charles Rags	1	25	2	25	25	25	25
Steelton, Pa.	Arthur F. Probst, D.D.	1	15	44	25	25	25	25
Trenton, N. J.	Stephen A. Vag	2	10	13	110	25	25	25

* Enrolled but not organized.

* Enrolled April 1, 1901

Note.—The salaries of the Superintendents, Attorney, Secretary, Treasurer and Field Secretary are the same as last year. The salary of Paul Sommerlatte, Harbor Missionary, is \$1,000 as before. The office of Sunday-school Missionary has been vacant all the year. The office of Hungarian Traveling Missionary is vacant.

The running expenses of the Board, including the annual and quarterly meetings, the traveling expenses of the Superintendents and Field Secretary, the postage and exchange, the printing of Annual Report and other printing, in short, all the running expenses outside of the salaries, has been \$1,565.72 during the year.

IV.—Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain, that we lay before you a brief statement of the condition and outlook of our foreign missions.

JAPAN.—The work in Japan is in a very flourishing condition, and the outlook is most hopeful. There exists, at the present time, a gracious and widespread outpouring of the Spirit of God in the empire. In many places union evangelistic meetings are being held, with unflagging interest on the part of the hearers. Thousands are applying for baptism, and inquiring after the true light, and the missionaries believe that the time of harvest is at hand. This quickening of the Spirit has also been felt, in some measure, in the Sendai district and our missionaries, evangelists and lay workers are taking part in the saving work with the joyous expectation of an unusual ingathering.

TOHOKU GAKUIN.—The past year has brought new strength to the Tohoku Gakuin, by the addition of four teachers, viz: Rev. Allen K. Faust, and three natives of ability. Upwards of sixty students entered at the beginning of the fall term. The restrictions placed by the Educational Department upon mission schools have been modified, and the prospect now is that in a short time they will be removed. It is with regret that the Mission reports the withdrawal of Rev. M. Oshikawa from the school. He has not lost his interest, for he remains a member of the Board of Directors, a special counselor to the school, and promises to resume the presidency in case the way opens in the future. There are at present 11 students in the theological department, 5 in the literary course, and 121 in the general course, or a total of 137. Of this number 53 are Christians. The brightest students are among the converts of the past year. The religious life of the school is good. There is a Young Men's Christian Association with a membership of 70, doing effective work.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The Girls' School is in a flourishing condition. The teaching force was crippled for a time, by sickness and by the death of Prof. Fuse, whose loss was deeply felt by teachers and scholars. Miss Catharine Pifer, the new lady teacher, will be in Japan before the meeting of the Synods. All of the eight graduates this year are Christians. The present enrollment is 15 in the preparatory department; 54 in the regular department, and 17 Bible women and teachers who are doing post graduate work. The interest of the students in Bible study, Sunday-school and church work is one of the hopeful signs.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.—The Industrial Home has come to be

recognized as a part of Sendai, and has the confidence of many of the best people of the city. The average number of students was 70. During the year 11 students have united with the Church. The Home is the most fertile field for evangelistic work.

PERSONAL REPORTS.—The personal reports of our missionaries indicate their good health and constant service, and all of them are taxed to the full measure of time and strength with the many duties pressing upon them. We deeply deplore the untimely death of Mrs. Allen K. Faust, the wife of one of our last missionaries to enter the field who, after less than a year's devoted service, was the first one in the Mission to pass away by death. We bespeak the prayers of your reverend body in behalf of her sorely afflicted husband.

CHINA.—The work in our China Mission has been retarded not only by the recent convulsions in that empire, but also by the sad fact of the failing eyesight of Rev. Fred Cromer, in endeavor to study the language, and his consequent resignation. Thus far the Board has not found a man to take his place, but expect to do so in the near future. Our pioneer to China, Rev. W. E. Hoy, has purchased a home at Kuling Estate, some distance from Yo-Chow, where our work will be established. This place is on a high elevation, and a sanitary resort for missionaries during the prostrating heat of Central China's summers. There, at last accounts, he was with his family, busily engaged in the study of the language. In order to strengthen our China Mission, it is the conviction of the Board that we should, at once, commission one male missionary, one medical missionary and two lady helpers. Unless this is done, Brother Hoy's continued self-sacrifice will be of no avail.

CRISIS.—Our work as a whole, in all its branches, is in a vigorous condition. But we have come to the point, that our forces and facilities must be increased, or it will be necessary to impose a limit upon our growth and restrict its advance. Our missionaries are most urgent in their request for larger appropriations and additional workers. To maintain the work in hand will require an increase of several thousand dollars a year, and to encourage its growing needs, we must have larger resources. If only the full apportionments, already laid upon the congregations, were forthcoming the work could advance splendidly.

DEBT.—For some time past the Board in full confidence, that the pastors and people would supply the means to meet the wants and necessities of our work, viz: to erect missionary dwellings, to purchase additional ground and to aid the Sendai church building, has been heeding the reasonable calls of the missionaries for the increased expenditures, and as a result we

have a present indebtedness of \$13,000. Besides, the Mission asks for an increase of \$4,000, in its estimates for 1902, this additional amount is to be devoted to the evangelistic work and the Tohoku Gakuin. With a heavy debt, and an empty treasury, we could not see our way clear to grant this just demand, but postponed action thereon until the next meeting in December, with the earnest hope that the contributions, in the meantime, will warrant us to do so favorably.

APPEAL.—In view of the alarming indebtedness of the Board, the growing needs of the Japan and China Missions, and the slow response of the Church to the continued appeals for help, we most urgently recommend to the several synods that they appoint a time for the earnest discussion of our foreign mission work. In behalf of our faithful band of missionaries, and their vast constituency in Japan and China, we plead with the brethren for such helpful action as will enable us to pay the debt and at the same time extend the work to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Before God, we dare not relax our activity, nor contract our work, nor restrain our missionaries in the prosecution of their God-given mission. In the name of Jesus, we must go forward.

In behalf of the Board, and by action of the Executive Committee, we lay this special appeal upon the heart of your Synod.

Most cordially yours,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,

S. N. CALLENDER, JOHN H. PRUGH.

September 20th, 1901.

Committee.

**V.—An Overture Concerning Grace Reformed Church,
Washington, D. C.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Missions of General Synod feels warranted in bringing to the special attention of the Synods, the peculiar and imperative need of Grace Reformed church in the city of Washington, D. C. The improved condition of the mission as shown by its increased membership and attendance has for some time shown that the present small chapel is inadequate.

Efforts have been made during the year to secure funds for the construction of a suitable church building, but up to the present time only \$9,000 have been obtained from individuals and churches for this purpose. It is apparent, whatever may be the reasons assigned, that the movement has not received the encouragement to which it is entitled in view of the interests involved.

The Board, therefore, feels impelled to commend anew this important interest, and hereby overtures your Synod to give it

your earnest attention, and to devise such vigorous and generous action as may make possible the erection and completion of the proposed new building during the coming Synodical year. Can you not by some means bring this cause promptly before the ministry and membership of the Synod before the close of 1901?

The time is peculiarly opportune, and we entertain the hope that the cause will so commend itself to our ministry and people as to secure their cordial co-operation and liberal support. We feel that not only the needs of Grace Reformed mission, but the interests and honor of the Reformed Church in the United States, justify the overture and appeal which we herewith submit to your reverend body.

T. J. BARKLEY,

PITTSBURGH, PA., Oct. 1, 1901.

Secretary.

A correct copy of the original action.

VI.—Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your committee has carefully considered the following papers, which are herewith reported for incorporation in the published minutes of Synod, viz.: The report of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, an overture from the Executive Committee of the same Board touching the erection of the Memorial church at the capital of the nation, the report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions, the report of the treasurer of the same Board, and the report of General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions. Your committee has also had referred to it the overture of Maryland Classis offering to contribute \$5,000 towards erecting the Memorial church at Washington on condition that the Synod will contribute a like amount from the other Classes comprising your reverend body.

From these papers it appears that the work of Home Missions under your jurisdiction has been industriously prosecuted and with excellent results. Of the 99 missions under the care of the General Board, 13 are located within your bounds, and it is gratifying to have the Board report that the missions were never in a more prosperous condition than at present, all of which makes the increasing indebtedness of the Board a cause of grief and painful regret. Whilst God is mercifully prospering this great work of the Church, the Church should recognize this divine favor and out of grateful hearts contribute the means for meeting the opportunities afforded for extending the Master's kingdom.

The Hungarian work continues to prosper and during the year three new fields were entered and two more pastors from Hungary have been called to engage in ministering to the spiritual needs of these our brethren.

The new field secretary, Rev. D. N. Dittmar has entered upon his work and already the Board is able to report efficient work since entering upon his duties. This, with the evidences at hand of the secretary's gifts for awaking increased interest in the work in which he is engaged calls for expressions of gratitude, and it becomes your reverend body to join the Board in commending Brother Dittmar and his work to the Church.

The increased number of building funds given during the past year is worthy of especial notice. Reference to the report will show that eighteen such funds were established. It is a healthful sign when individuals, families, congregations, Sunday-schools, Missionary Societies and Classes contribute in this form to the upbuilding of our Zion and thus lending helpful aid to those who are doing the work of the Church. The example set by all of these and by Elder Henry Gable of Larue, York county, Pa., is one which Synod should recommend to be followed.

The opportunity presented by the conditions attending the effort to build the Memorial church at Washington, is one which Synod cannot neglect, and will require your reverend body to take prompt measures to meet.

The encouraging character of the Foreign Missionary work of the Church continues to awaken gratitude to God in the heart of every lover of His kingdom. In every department the work is speeding and it becomes the whole Church to respond to the challenge for increased liberality made by the developing usefulness of the work undertaken.

Synod will certainly join in the regrets expressed by the Board for the bereavement which has fallen upon the whole Church in the death of Mrs. Allen K. Faust who was called to rest as her work was just began. The loss of Brother Cromer from the China field and that of Brother Oshikawa from the Boys' School are also to be lamented. All these losses will call loudly upon the Church to reconsecrate itself to the service of the Master and for renewed zeal in these particular fields.

Touching the matters presented by the reports and overtures, your committee recommends that your reverend Synod adopt the following:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod records its gratitude to God for the blessing He has given to the missionary work of the Reformed Church in both Home and Foreign fields, but also at the same time expresses its sincere sorrow for any failure on its part, or on that of any of its Classes, charges, or people, which may, in any degree be responsible for the debts now resting upon these boards.

2. *Resolved*, That for the future, the Church, through all

the Classes be asked to make special effort to have the report submitted for home and foreign missions considered as the immediate business referred to them in the work of missions.

3. **Resolved.** That all the Classes be requested to make suitable arrangements for the giving of special offerings and offerings to be added to the payment of the debts of these Boards.

4. **Resolved.** That in the Home Mission field the Synod recognizes the great opportunities for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom that are offered in the growing cities and calls upon the Classes to bring the cause to the attention of all the Church in such way as to evince increased interest for the support of the cause so that the Board may be enabled to enter upon the territory which seems so ready for the work of the Church.

5. **Resolved.** That this Synod rejoices in the prosperity that has attended the Sunday-school missionary efforts and desires that the Board of Missions should have the entire attention of all the missionary work of the Church and that the Sunday-school Board contribute its missionary funds to the Board of Missions through the regular channels.

6. **Resolved.** That the term of office of members of the Board of Missions elected by this Synod shall commence with April 1st of the year following the election.

7. **Resolved.** That this Synod recommends to the Board of Home Missions the name of Rev. A. C. Wheeler as its nominee for Superintendent of Missions for the Eastern and Southern Synods.

8. **Resolved.** That this Synod express its high appreciation of the labors of missionary Rev. Henry Foster of Salisbury, N. C., and requests with his relatives and friends as early and full home visit as possible.

9. **Resolved.** That this Synod approve the plan of Maryland Classes to contribute \$5,000 for the building of Memorial Church at Washington. That Synod call upon the delegations of the Classes present to assume such sums as will amount to the \$5,000 needed by this Synod.

10. **Resolved.** That this Synod authorize and direct its trustees to borrow in strength of these pledges such sums as may be lacking to make up the \$5,000 when needed and to make a treasurer of funds so received.

11. **Resolved.** That this Synod rejoice in the prosperity which has attended the work of the Board of Foreign Missions and commends this important work to the continued prayer and liberality of the Church.

12. **Resolved.** That Sunday be accepted and appropriated upon the Classes for Foreign and \$5,000 for Home Missions.

13. **Resolved.** That this Synod recognize the great work

importance of fully maintaining the work of the Foreign Board and of expanding it as opportunity presents itself and therefore urges the Classis to pay that especial interest to the work which the apostolic commission demands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick were elected members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions for the term of four years; Rev. N. H. Skyles, for one year.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, four years; Rev. C. A. Santee, two years, and Revs. C. B. Heller and N. H. Skyles, one year.

ARTICLE XV. FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

GEORGE N. FORNEY, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from Oct. 23d, 1900, to Oct. 15th, 1901.

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To amounts received from Classes as follows:

FROM VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

For Theological Seminary	\$ 80 00	
For Catawba College	100 00	
For Harbor Missions	11 00	
For Work amongst Germans.....	25 00	
For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	50 00	
For Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	40 00	
		\$306 00

FROM NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$50 00	
For Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	50 00	
		100 00

FROM ZION'S CLASSIS.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$12 37	
For Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	32 43	
For Catawba College	140 45	
For Theological Seminary	19 88	
		205 13

FROM MARYLAND CLASSIS.

For Theological Seminary	\$158 00	
For Catawba College	117 00	
For Contingent Fund of General Synod... ..	127 50	
For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	125 00	
		527

FROM CARLISLE CLASSES

For Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.....	\$23 76	
For Contingent Fund General Synod	15 00	
For Calvin College	1 34	
For Catawba College	40 90	
For Theological Seminary	54 42	
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FROM JENNETTA CLASSES

For Catawba College	\$145 00	
For Theological Seminary	130 00	
For Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.....	80 00	
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FROM MERCERSBURG CLASSES

For Theological Seminary	\$30 00	
For Catawba College	11 00	
For Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.....	50 00	
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FROM GETTYSBURG CLASSES

For Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.....	\$75 00	
For Theological Seminary	130 00	
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1900.		By expenditures as follows:	
Oct.	32.	By balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 1 06
Nov.	14.	By expenses at Mercersburg meeting of Synod	26 25
1901.			
Jan.	10.	By postage on Minutes of Synod.....	10 00
Jan.	10.	By cash remitted to Catawba College.....	50 00
Jan.	12.	By Cash paid printing Minutes of Synod.....	153 35
Feb.	23.	By Premium paid on Treasurer's bond.....	25 00
Mch.	30.	By expenses of T. F. Hoffmeier at meeting Board Education	10 00
Apr.	3.	By salary paid Stated Clerk of Synod.....	100 00
Apr.	22.	By cash remitted to Catawba College.....	55 61
Apr.	30.	By taxes on income of mortgages in Maryland	26 24
May	14.	By expenses of Revs. J. S. Kiefer and E. R. Eschbach at meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa.	6 30
May	21.	By interest paid on Brechbill legacy.....	12 00
July	1.	By cash remitted to Catawba College.....	371 26
July	27.	By expenses paid to Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier at meeting of Board of Education.....	7 51
Aug.	29.	By cash remitted to Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.	384 22
Oct.	7.	By Expenses paid Revs. T. J. Barclay and J. W. Pontius at meeting of Board of Trustees of Synod	3 10
Oct.	9.	By cash remitted to Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.	243 08
Oct.	10.	By cash remitted W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer General Synod	325 13
Oct.	12.	By Treasurer's salary for one year.....	100 00
Oct.	15.	By balance on hand	143 94
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			\$2,054 05

ARTICLE XVII. COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received, amended, and adopted, as follows.

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

To the Synod of the Potomac :

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools begs leave to report that we have carefully examined all the papers that have come into our hands from the various Classes, as well as the report from the Sunday-school Board. All these bring to us cheerful information in regard to the condition of the Sunday-schools of our Synod. Never before were the Sunday-schools as large as now, and yet, it is evident that many might be greatly increased. One Classis reports 31 Sunday-schools, with a membership of scholars of only 1,908, an average of less than 62 scholars to a school, whilst another Classis reports 24 schools, with a membership of 2,845 scholars, an average of over 118 per school.

The reports speak encouragingly of the faithfulness on the part of officers and teachers. Better work and more work is being done; 1158 scholars have been received into full membership with the Church, in this Synod alone, in the past year. With special gratitude to God we report this fact. This large company of young members means much for the future of the Church. They have been trained up by faithful teachers. Many of them have come up through the Primary and Intermediate Classes, and thus have become rooted and grounded in faith in Christ, and in the life of the Reformed Church. From these young Bible Christians much may be expected, and from their number will come the leaders and teachers for the Church of the future.

The inspiring Bible lessons taught each Sunday are fruiting in the many young missionaries who are offering themselves as candidates for work in the Foreign field, and who stand ever ready for any work for the Master. The liberality in our Sunday-schools is greatly increasing, thus training our young members in faithful, liberal, cheerful giving. The amount reported as contributed by the Sunday-schools of the Potomac Synod in the past year is \$23,229. This is more than the whole Church

Contributed a century ago, and it is believed the contributions of the Sunday-school will exceed this amount in this first year of the new century. From all the reports it is evident that our Sunday-schools are in a most hopeful condition, and this has come as the result of a deeper interest in Sunday-school work by our younger pastors, who have been trained along these lines, and also as the result of the improved condition of our Sunday-school literature.

The Lesson Helps in the Reformed Church are not only very good, but are among the very best.

The Heidelberg Teacher and the Home Department Journal are acknowledged to be in the fore-front in the field. Their large circulation in schools outside of our denomination is ample evidence of this fact. We say this in no spirit of boastfulness, but of gratitude and hopefulness for the future.

The value of the Sunday-school and the purpose and aim of its work is becoming more and more appreciated and better understood. This is manifested in the growing desire for better teaching, as well as a more thorough grading in our schools and the constant pressure bearing upon these points by our energetic Sunday-school Board, is sure to bring the work of our Bible School up to the highest grade. This effort on the part of the Board should meet with our heartiest approval, and call forth our best efforts to secure the much desired end. Your Committee would therefore recommend:

First, That we express our gratitude to God for His nearness and great help in our Sunday-schools in the past year.

Second, That we hereby pledge ourselves, as a Synod, to renewed loyalty and devotion to the great work of the Sunday-School in all its departments.

Third, That we will endeavor in the future, as in the past, to increase the number and efficiency of our schools, and thus seek to realize the highest ideal of Bible training.

Fourth, That we heartily endorse, with just pride, the excellent and superior Sunday-school helps now published by our Sunday-school Board, and we commend them to all our Classes, and again urge our Classes to secure the use of our own publications in all our schools.

Fifth, That the Classes be urged to keep a careful oversight of all the Sunday-schools within their borders through the Standing Sunday-school committees, and see to it that "Normal Classes" and "Home Departments" be organized wherever practical.

Sixth, That efforts be made to create a greater missionary spirit in all our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHONTZ, *Chairman*.

CLASSES.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance	Reformed Members Union B. S.	Church Members the B. S.	Baptized Scholars.	Refd. Members recd. from B. S. in the	No. B. S. Papers Taken.	No. Book in Library	Paid to General Board	Paid to Other Boards	To Other Objects.	To Support of the School.
Maryland ..	59	3182	3694	9974	4443	632	2545	5081	263	2372	9289	3181	\$1238	\$211	\$3946
Virginia ..	26	342	1908	2250	1021	109	296	284	12	485	1970	45	63	129	527
N. Carolina	38	346	2904	3246	1330	264	912	890	127	893	1014	4	2	189	520
Mercersburg	23	402	2845	3247	1560	510	2400	1090	214	1943	6500	106	70	175	2410
Zion's	39	590	5159	5849	2470	463	319	316	18	670	2750	23	904	1111	3008
Gettysburg	30	536	3512	3923	1991	730	1494	2292	158	260	3263	32	1457	287	1323
Carlisle ..	19	320	2418	2738	1678	216	1145	905	96	812	1828	69	244	193	2469
Juniata ..	44	716	4744	5449	4000		1250	1990	164	1595	2752	154	423	224	1002
Total ..	279	4063	32184	36915	19483	2921	10861	12448	1158	1836	28196	6622	\$4417	\$2479	\$15711

ARTICLE XIX. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following standing rule was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Synod, that the Chairman of the Committee on Minutes of Classes be a Stated Clerk of some one of the Classes within the bounds of Synod.

ARTICLE XX. PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 14 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that the former Stated Clerk, Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-eighth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$153.35.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Eastern, the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication begs leave to submit to your reverend bodies its annual report as follows:

The Board held two regular meetings during the year, one in the month of March, the other on the fourth day of Septem-

her. At the latter meeting reports were received from Francis E. Heller, the business manager, and from James T. Reber, the treasurer of the Board. Both these reports were audited by a committee appointed by the president and certified to as being correct. Our separation from business association with the Sunday-school Board involved our Board in some extra expense but it brought us also some advantages. While we cannot report any great success, yet we are able to say that the past was a prosperous year for our publication interests.

The following is a summary of the manager's report which was closed July 1, 1901:

July 1, 1901	Total resources	\$18,783 08
-	Total liabilities, subscriptions paid in advance	3,411 32
-	Net capital	\$15,372 00

LOSSES AND GAINS JULY 1, 1900 TO JULY 1, 1901

Book Department	\$2,033 14	
Messenger	157 08	
Review	10 47	
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 8 77	
Net gain	2,172 32	
	<u>\$2,181 20</u>	<u>\$2,181 20</u>

It will be seen from the above that our periodicals are paying for themselves with a slight margin in their favor and that our greatest gains come from the book department. Since the report of the manager was closed about one thousand new subscribers were added to the Messenger list, and a considerable amount of book business secured through the efforts of a number of students, who were employed by the manager to labor several months during the summer in the interest of the concern. Hence we hope to make a somewhat better showing next year. We kindly request ministers and people to give their loyal support to the Messenger and Review, and urge them to patronize the book-store. All kinds of books and church supplies of every character can be furnished by our House as cheaply as by anyone else. The manager expects to be present at the meetings of the Synods with sample copies of the various publications handled by him, and the members of these several bodies are requested to examine his goods.

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's report:

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT

Cash in hand August 23, 1900	\$ 227 00
Received of Sunday-school Board	1,000 00
Interest received on investments	303 78
Proceeds of bonds sold	2,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of the Board.....	\$ 65 93	
Loaned to Francis E. Heller for the Board.....	3,500 00	
Balance in Treasury	24 94	
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	\$3,590 87	\$3,590 87

INVESTMENTS.

In Reading and Columbia bonds.....	\$3,000 00
In Home Mission bonds.....	2,000 00
Loaned to the Board.....	3,500 00
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Total.....	\$8,500 00

Your publication plant promises now to increase in value from year to year, and if it receive the continued cordial support of the Synods, your Board will be able to render the Church more efficient and satisfactory service in the future than it could do in the past. In conclusion we would say that the Board proposes to make such improvements in every department of its business as the general condition of the plant may seem to warrant. The term of office of J. H. Stein, of Reading, and of A. E. Truxal, of Meyersdale, expires December 31, 1901. It will be incumbent upon the Synods to which these members belong to fill the vacancies thus occasioned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN,

President.

Attest:

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to make the following report:

From the annual report of the Board of Publication received by your committee for its consideration, the following facts deserve the attention of the Synod, viz.:

The effected separation of the Board from the business association of the Sunday-school Board, of necessity involving expense, brought desired advantages; that the periodicals are paying for themselves with a slight margin in their favor; that the greatest gains came from the book department, and that considerable new subscribers were added to the Messenger list.

In view of these facts we offer the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod endorse and commend the action of the Board in separating its business from the Sunday-school Board.

2. That the Synod hears with pleasure and satisfaction of the enlarged business and increasing profits of the Board.

3. That the Synod commends anew the Board to our ministers and people as entirely worthy of their patronage, both in the periodical, and book and church supply departments.

4. That the Classes of Synod are urged to present the merits and advantages of our Publication House to the churches and people under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

GUSTAV R. POETTER,

C. R. DIEFFENRACHER. JOHN T. DUTTERER,

H. F. DITTMAR. H. J. SEIBERT.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Board of Publication and terms of service:
Rev. C. S. Slagle, for two years; W. Rush Gillan, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10.00 o'clock on Monday forenoon. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. E. E. Lytle, L. T. Lampe, and Elders I. R. Hoffman and M. M. Gilland acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

From the annual reports of Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes and from the address made by the Superintendents to this body, we rejoice to learn of the constantly increasing efficiency of these noble institutions of our Church. At

the present time 209 orphans are being cared for in these homes.

While the reports show that all necessary expenses of the past year were provided, much needed improvements made, and that generous bequests were made for specific purposes, they also show that the demands upon the homes are increasing. To meet these demands, increased facilities and revenue will be needed. In view of these facts we recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity and efficiency of these institutions and commend them anew through the pastors, to the continued support of the congregations within the bounds of this Synod.

Resolved, That in order to meet the constantly increasing demands upon these homes, we would recommend that an earnest effort be made to increase the Christmas offerings, so that the Church may be enabled to fully discharge her duty to her dependent children.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its gratitude to the Giver of all good for the many rich blessings bestowed upon these institutions during the past year.

H. J. HILLEGASS.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. It was referred to a special committee, Revs. H. H. Apple, F. C. Seitz, and Elder J. P. Baltozer, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom has been referred the statement for publication in the minutes of Synod of the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows recommend:

1. Synod congratulates the Society for its continued growth and efficiency.
2. Synod commends anew to our people this worthy charity and urges the necessity of giving it a more prominent place in the benevolences of the Church.
3. Synod recommends that the Classes request each congregation to give its own people an opportunity to contribute to this cause at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE, *Chairman*.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds from September 30, 1900, to October 4, 1901:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$232 50
Virginia Classis	130 00
Juniata Classis	79 13
Gettysburg Classis	65 00
Mercersburg Classis	62 49
Carlisle Classis	47 68
Zion's Classis	44 89
North Carolina Classis	2 20
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	\$663 89

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to nine annuitants.....	\$500 00
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With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Frederick, Md., Oct. 4, 1901.

Annual Financial Statement.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year closing with October 4, 1901:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Sept. 30th, 1900.....	\$ 2,864 33
Cash from loans paid	9,600 00
Cash from interest on investments	2,284 34
Cash from collections in the churches	1,989 18
Cash from royalty on Church Hymnal	1,738 39
Cash from individual gifts	767 65
Cash from Pittsburgh Synod (special)	300 00
Cash from miscellaneous sources	500 19
Cash from estate of Elizabeth Banghman	242 50
Cash from royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal...	135 00
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Total	\$20,421 58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for new investment	\$ 9,960 00
Paid to fifty annuitants.....	2,955 00
Paid to Daniel Stine Memorial Home	484 09
Paid for expenses, treasurer's salary, traveling expenses, printing, postage, revenue stamps and stationery	816 49
Cash in treasury Oct. 4th, 1901.	6,206 00
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Total	\$20,421 58

ASSETS.

Invested fund	\$46,895 00
Cash in treasury	6,206 00
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	\$53,101 00

The following ministers have become members during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Frederick C. Bauman, Jacob Dahlgren, D.D., Silas F. Laury, Paul M. Spangler, Chas. E. Miller, D.D., Simon M. K. Huber, J. Stewart Hartman, William E. Lampe, Jas. M. Mullan, Edgar S. Hassler, John Biery, Calvin D. Yost, Elmer E. Noll, Irvin F. Wagner, David B. Schneder, D.D., Jairus A. Wickert, Lewis Robb, Lawrence S. Faust, Samuel H. Stein, Jacob E. Sheets, Moses N. George, George W. Gerhard, George W. Henning, Edwin H. Laubach, Henry N. Bassler, Chas. M. Smith, J. Silor Garrison, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., Lewis T. Lampe.

Annual Members.—Rev. Paul H. Land and Dewalt S. Fouse, D.D.

Officers of the Society.—Rev. J. David Miller, vice-president, Duncannon, Pa.; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Rev. Simon P. Miller, treasurer, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., assessor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. H. F. Dittmar, assessor, Jefferson, Md.

Item 5, of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred for consideration to a special committee consisting of Revs. G. A. Snyder, F. C. Seitz and Elder G. A. Wood.

Subsequently the committee presented the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

To the Potomac Synod:

Your committee to whom was referred the overture from Carlisle Classis, requesting this Synod to overture General Synod to make such changes in the manner of electing its different boards as will give each District Synod certain definite representation, begs leave to report as follows:

Resolved, That this Synod has full confidence in General Synod's purpose to elect to membership on its boards, such men as will fully represent the whole Church, guard her interests, and carry on her work effectively, and that we do not believe that the change proposed by the overture referred to us would in any way serve the best interests of our Church more effectively. We do therefore not consider it wise to comply with the overture from Carlisle Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SNYDER.

Item 7, of the Report on Overtures was referred to Revs. C. S. Slagle, F. F. Bahner and Elder H. A. Buckey. On Monday afternoon the committee presented their report. It was acted on item by item, amended, and adopted. As adopted it is as follows:

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your committee to whom was referred the request of the American anti-Saloon League to send delegates from the Potomac Synod to the Sixth National anti-Saloon Convention respectfully recommend the following action:

WHEREAS, The American anti-Saloon League is engaged in the attempt to suppress vice and to promote the cause of temperance and morality by means of the law and through the State, and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ was established by God for the salvation of men through the Gospel,

Resolved, That whilst we approve of the object which the American anti-Saloon League is attempting to attain, we respectfully decline to send delegates to its convention.

Resolved, That this action be communicated to the American anti-Saloon League by the corresponding secretary of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE.

Deaconess Home.

The Committee on Deaconess Home presented their report on Monday morning. It was read, acted on item by item, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

To the Potomac Synod:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of "Deaconess Home" with instruction to investigate the whole subject and if feasible, report the time and place for the establishing of a "Deaconess Home," would report as follows:

We have inquired into the matter of "Deaconess work and Deaconess Home," and have secured such data as was obtainable, and herewith recommend,

1. That the "Deaconess Work" be inaugurated.
2. That a "Deaconess Home" be established and that its location be York, Pa.
3. That the work of establishing a Home be referred to a committee consisting of the delegates from York, Revs. H. H. Apple, H. M. J. Klein, E. B. Lyttle and Elders I. Laucks and W. A. Dromgold.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman*.

Michael Schlatter Sesqui-Centennial Memorial Addresses.

NOTE.—Synod directed that the following report, in some way omitted in the printed proceedings of 1900, be inserted in the Acts and Proceedings of this year.

Dear Brethren of the Potomac Synod, convened in Mercersburg, Pa., October, 1900:

Your Committee appointed at Woodstock, Va., 1898, and continued at Baltimore, Md., a year later, to superintend the publication of the Michael Schlatter Sesqui-Centennial Memorial addresses, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us. We have published the memorial addresses delivered before the Synod of Hagerstown, Md., Wednesday evening, October 20, 1897, by Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., on "Michael Schlatter, the Father of the Reformed Church in the United States," and the address of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., on "The Organization of the First Synod and What Has Come of It." We also published the address of General John E. Roller prepared for the same occasion, the delivery of which was prevented by a painful accident on the eve of the meeting of Synod. The topic of this address is "The Reformed Church in Schlatter's Day." In connection with the aforesaid addresses, covering upwards of fifty pages of a good-sized pamphlet, pictures of Schlatter, Col. Henry Bouquet, Commander of the German-Swiss Royal American Regiment, of which Schlatter was Chaplain, and a member of the Reformed Church; of Father John Brown, a pioneer pastor of blessed memory in the valley of Virginia, and of the Glade church communion service used in Schlatter's day, 1747.

Likewise, at the suggestion of other brethren, pictures of the speakers themselves, viz., Drs. Cort and Eschbach and General Roller were inserted. These pictures no doubt facilitated the sale of the memorial pamphlet and at the same time greatly enhanced its value according to the eloquent argument of Hampton Carson, Esq., in his address before the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College at the last commencement in favor of pictorial illustrations. The work of publication itself was executed in good style and on reasonable terms by Daniel Miller, Esq., of Reading, Pa. We are glad to report that enough copies of the memorial pamphlet have been sold to pay all expenses incurred by your committee without any expense whatever to the Synod.

A few dozen copies of the edition of 600 remain in our hands which we have retained to supply brethren, especially delegate elders, who subscribed for the same at the Baltimore Synod, but who failed to give us their postoffice address. We are sorry that a demand for several hundred copies more of the memorial pamphlet, in behalf of our North Carolina brethren, could not be met. A copy is herewith presented to the Synod as an important part of its proceedings during the Sesqui-Centennial services of 1897. It might be well to incorporate the

same with the proceedings when bound up in book form as a permanent part of Synod's archives.

Respectfully submitted,
CYRUS CORT, *Chairman*.

Mercersburg, Pa., Oct. 26, 1900.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod presented its report, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology respectfully present the following report. Four members of this body were called from their labors on earth to their heavenly rest during the past year, including all ages, from the young man who had just entered upon the work, to the gray haired veteran whose ministerial life extended over almost half a century. They are Revs. Gerny Weber, Charles H. Knight, George B. Resser and William M. Deatrick, D.D., a brief account of whose life and labors is herewith given.

Respectfully submitted,
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

REV. GERNY WEBER.

Rev. Gerny Weber was the son of Joseph and Rebecca Weber. He was born at Rebersburg, Centre county, Pa., Sept. 14, 1868. He was baptized in infancy, presumably by Rev. W. G. Engle, and confirmed April 9, 1887, by Rev. John Dotterer.

After attending the schools of his native place, where he also prepared for college, in 1888 he entered F. & M. College, Lancaster, Pa., from which institution he graduated in June, 1892. He entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in the fall of the same year and graduated in May, 1895. In the same month he was licensed by West Susquehanna Classis and dismissed to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac. By a committee of this Classis he was ordained June 27, 1895, and installed pastor of the Glen Rock charge, York county, Pa. After an active and successful pastorate of over four years, he resigned this charge September 15, 1899, and accepted an urgent call from the Board of Home Missions to become pastor of the Mis-

sion at Salisbury, N. C. He entered upon his duties in this Mission, October 1, 1899, and labored energetically and with success until the following summer, when he was stricken with typhoid fever, which brought his labors and his life to an end, November 19, 1900, after an illness of seventeen weeks. His body was brought to Glen Rock, and on the 22d laid to rest in Trinity Reformed cemetery, which he had consecrated five years before. His age was 32 years, 2 months and 5 days. He was married February 15, 1900, to Miss Jennie Moessinger, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Harpel, of Glen Rock, Pa.

Brother Weber had a kind, genial disposition, and a strong individuality. He was happiest when busy, a workman that needed not to be ashamed. He was a close student, his sermons were fresh and interesting, and delivered with earnestness and feeling. He labored only a few years, but his work was well done.

REV. CHARLES HENRY KNIGHT.

Rev. Charles Henry Knight was the eldest son of Montford G. and Jane Bachman Knight. He was born at Bethlehem, Pa., November 18, 1871. In infancy he was baptized by Bishop Van Vleck of the Moravian Church and in the spring of 1889 was confirmed by Rev. T. O. Stem, in Christ Reformed church, of Bethlehem. He served for four years as stenographer in the office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and then began his preparation for the ministry. He graduated from the Moravian College at Bethlehem in 1896, and from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in 1899.

He was a member of the Students' Sunday-school Band, who, in the summer of 1898, visited many of the churches in Eastern Pennsylvania, stirring up an interest in Sunday-school work.

After leaving the Seminary he was sent by the Board of Home Missions to the new mission field just taken up at Homestead and Duquesne, Pa., but a few days' trial convinced him that his health, then already impaired, was not sufficient for the labor required by that difficult field.

He then accepted a call to the Clearspring, Md., charge, as successor to the venerable Rev. Wm. Goodrich. He was ordained and installed by a committee of Maryland Classis on November 4, 1899. He entered upon his work with the energy and enthusiasm of youth and the devotion of a thoroughly consecrated servant of the Master. By his genial disposition, his noble Christian character, the earnestness and eloquence of his pulpit ministrations, he soon won not the respect only but the love of his own people and of the community. But his and their

hopes were destined to be disappointed. His health continued to decline. At the end of three months' service he was obliged to return to his home and undergo a surgical operation. He resumed his work again after recovering from this, but it was only for a few months. He was obliged to return to his home again and to undergo a second and afterwards a third operation. Finding there was no hope of resuming his work, at the end of nine months he reluctantly and to the great sorrow of his people resigned his pastorate. He lingered, at times in great pains, for six months, sustained in his sufferings by the kind ministrations of his relatives and friends and by the rich comfort and hope of the sacred Word. His sufferings were brought to an end and he entered into his eternal rest on the 5th of February, 1901, aged 29 years, 2 months and 18 days.

His burial took place at Bethlehem, Pa., on the 8th of February. The funeral sermon was preached by his former pastor, Rev. G. A. Schwedes, from the text, John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," which was the text of Brother Knight's last sermon to his congregation at Clearspring.

Charles H. Knight's life and the time of his labors in the ministry were short, but he lived and labored not in vain. The Clearspring charge is the better today for having had him as their pastor, though it was but for a few months.

REV. GEORGE BESORE RESSER.

Rev. George Besore Resser, son of Jacob B. and Elizabeth M. Resser was born at Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 2, 1850. He was baptized March 6, 1852, by Rev. H. W. Super, and confirmed as a member of Trinity church, April 21, 1866, by Rev. W. E. Krebs. When St. Paul's congregation was organized he transferred his membership to the new congregation. In early life he attended the public schools, and later learned the trade of a tinsmith. Feeling himself called to the ministry, he went to Ursinus College one year, when he entered Mercersburg College and graduated in the class of 1878. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and graduated in May, 1881. He was licensed by Mercersburg Classis at an adjourned session in Chambersburg, Pa., May 13, 1881. Brother Resser's first charge consisted of the Marietta and Maytown congregations in Lancaster county, Pa. He was ordained by a committee of Lancaster Classis, consisting of Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Dr. E. V. Gerhart and C. S. Gerhard, in Zion's church, Marietta, Pa., August 14, 1881. His pastoral relation with this charge was dissolved November 23, 1882, and he was dismissed to Maryland Classis. He became pastor of the Emmittsburg,

Md., charge, December 2d, 1882, and served it until December 2, 1884. He then became pastor of St. John's church, Lebanon, Pa., where he labored until the close of 1890. January 1, 1891, he entered upon his last pastorate, Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa. He labored here with marked success until April 16, 1901, when his pastorate was brought to a sudden close by his sad death. The special work in which he was engaged at this time was that of erecting a new church. To this he devoted a great deal of attention, giving his personal supervision to all parts of the work. As he was thus overseeing the placing of a stone cross upon the apex of the roof, he stepped upon a loose board and was precipitated to the ground, a distance of about forty five feet. He was picked up unconscious and in a few minutes ceased to breathe.

His funeral services were held in the chapel of the unfinished church on the following Saturday afternoon, April 20th, attended by a large concourse of people and ministers, and his body was interred in Mt. Olivet cemetery of Hanover.

Brother Resser was elected President of Potomac Synod at its annual meeting in Baltimore, in October, 1899, and at the time of his death was a member of the Synodical Board of Education.

His age was 50 years, four months and 14 days. He was cut off in the midst of his days, but he had done his work well, and his influence will be felt for many years.

"They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D.

Rev. William Miller Deatruck was the son of Nicholas and Margaret (Miller) Deatruck. He was born January 22, 1823, in Tyrone township, Adams county, Pa. He was baptized in infancy by Rev. Lebrecht L. Hinch and confirmed in April, 1842, by Rev. Samuel Gutelius. He was brought up on the farm and afterwards learned the trade of a miller. In autumn of 1842 he entered the preparatory department of Marshall College at Mercersburg, Pa. He graduated from College in the class of 1848, and three years later, in 1851, from the Theological Seminary. He spent several years in teaching. In 1852 he received and accepted a call from the Huntingdon, Pa., charge, and was ordained and installed on Christmas day of that year. He served this charge two and a half years, when throat trouble compelled him to resign. In the spring of 1856 he accepted a call to the Yellow Creek charge, Bedford county, Pa., which charge he served for six and a half years. In December, 1862, became pastor of the Friend's Cove charge in the same county, at that time a very laborious charge. April, 1875, he became the Financial Agent of Mercersburg College, a po-

sition which he held about three years. From that time until August, 1897, he made his home at Mercersburg, after which he resided with his daughter at Bedford, Pa.

Dr. Deatruck occupied many positions of importance. He was connected with but one Classis, the Mercersburg, of which he was Stated Clerk forty-four years, and Treasurer thirty years. He was Stated Clerk of Potomac Synod from its organization in 1873, until his death, a period of twenty-eight years; Treasurer of the Board of Education almost twenty-six years; member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College twenty years, and its President fifteen years, and President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows seventeen years.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Dr. Deatruck by Franklin and Marshall College in 1887.

On November 9, 1852, Dr. Deatruck was married to Miss Harriet Peyton Sohn, of Mercersburg, who died August 3, 1884. Three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter, Revs. W. Wilberforce, and E. Ranson Deatruck, and Mrs. Anna M., wife of Prof. Charles V. Smith.

Dr. Deatruck died after a lingering illness at the home of his daughter, Bedford, Pa., May 6, 1901, in the 79th year of his age, and of his ministry the 49th. He was buried in the cemetery at Mercersburg, Pa., May 9. The text of his funeral discourse by Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., well describes his character and life, "Faithful unto death."

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its hearty thanks to the pastor and congregation of the Huntingdon Reformed church and citizens of Huntingdon for their kind hospitality and pleasant entertainment during the 29th annual sessions of the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be given to the pastor, Rev. P. A. DeLong, and that he be requested to read it to his congregation.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of Synod to the General Passenger Agents of the Pennsylvania and of the Cumberland Valley Railroads for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Grace Reformed church, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, October 14, A.D., 1902, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The entertainment of the delegates in Washington was referred to the several Classes to make provision.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 21, 1901, at 3 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and Apostolic Benediction by the President .

C. A. SANTEE *President*.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS, ADDITIONS, LOSSES.						S. B. STA- TISTICS.			CONTRIBU- TIONS.		Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Cert. or Re-Profl.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Treasure of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Foreign.				Deaths, Foreign.	Beneficent Pur- poses.	Constitutional Purposes.
Aaron Spangler . . .	Trinity	7	474	340	46	1	33	3	3	5	9	4	10	370	385	11 507 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Aaron H. Leiss . . .	Without charge	1	516	400	275	19	10	39	24	12	4	2	1	49	655	75 115 N. Beaver St., York, Pa.
Francis C. York, D. D.	Heidelberg, York	1	33	75	55	8	5	34	8	8	1	1	1	18	151	734 W. King St., York, Pa.
George S. Barber . . .	Bethany, York	1	375	368	300	18	1	18	2	3	1	7	2	48	419	411 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
George Stultz, Ph. D. . .	Zion's York	4	946	906	883	52	4	44	3	2	19	34	8	48	958	34 412 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
Oliver P. Schellhammer.	Paradise	3	355	310	175	25	3	21	6	1	1	7	11	55	575	44 Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher . . .	Kreutz Creek	1	534	405	215	11	2	17	18	3	14	1	1	40	350	York, Pa.
Raymond E. Butz.	Without charge	1	410	363	285	24	3	36	13	3	14	10	6	4	285	26 119 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Henry H. Apple	Trinity, lat Ref'd, York	1	236	249	300	18	2	10	22	5	11	5	8	1	30	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
Charles P. Kehl	Without charge	1	194	176	59	18	1	14	16	1	1	1	1	1	34	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
H. M. John Klein	Grace, York	1	436	333	230	34	3	16	9	1	8	1	4	3	27	225 N. Hartley St., York, Pa.
William E. Bushong	Without charge	1	194	176	59	18	1	14	16	1	1	1	1	1	34	Hadover, York Co., Pa.
E. Bruce Lytle . . .	Memorial, York	1	436	333	230	34	3	16	9	1	8	1	4	3	27	117 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Israel S. Leiby	Glen Rock	2	79	31	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
John K. McKee	St. John's	4	253	174	163	3	1	5	1	6	26	10	6	3	63	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Vacant	Dillsburg	2	37	35	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
Chas. P. Kehl, supply	Mt. Pleasant	1	31	23	27	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher supply	Locust Grove	1	31	23	27	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
13.	16	37	5026	4294	3034	317	27	254	156	76	1	75	94	55	595	537432 47

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.				S. S. STA-TISTICS.			CONTRIBU-TIONS.		Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certs. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Rescued of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teach.	Sunday-School Scholars.			Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Pur-pose.	Congregational Purpose.	Minutes Wanted.	
John W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	575	486	400	36	14	16	13	3	10	17	1	33	506	...	...	32216 00	3300 00	...	Mercedburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	1	506	412	150	6	23	11	6	...	7	5	1	44	345	...	...	789 00	3200 00	...	1028 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangelical Reformed	1	633	468	409	20	23	3	10	...	11	2	1	24	223	...	...	484 00	4000 00	...	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion	1	191	157	90	14	6	3	4	...	2	1	2	34	213	...	...	182 00	951 00	...	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
Joel T. Roessler, D.D.	First, Baltimore	3	315	260	61	7	13	7	8	...	3	8	1	38	245	...	...	610 00	2650 00	...	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick Co., Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeyer.	Mt. Pleasant	1	413	223	243	24	15	2	4	...	5	3	3	62	335	...	...	309 00	700 00	...	516 W. Mulberry St., Baltimore, Md.
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third, Baltimore	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Elas M. Hench	Utica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	175 Laycock St., Allegheny, Pa.
Jacob B. Kershner.	Without charge.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bayview, Baltimore, Md.
Louis F. Zinkhan	Supt. Bayview Asylum.	1	168	124	148	15	7	9	8	...	6	2	3	1	21	320	...	...	1014 00	...	342 Third Av., Woodberry, Balto.
E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D.	Trinity	3	268	220	106	2	7	15	1	...	3	10	...	2	43	307	...	...	243 00	...	Keedysville, Washington Co., Md.
Barton R. Carnahan.	Mt. Moriah	1	144	124	68	5	4	6	3	...	1	...	1	15	103	...	...	189 00	1660 00	...	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
Calvin S. Slagle.	St. Paul's	2	286	292	175	16	23	6	4	...	7	2	3	46	615	...	...	932 00	2761 00	...	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.
Geo. A. Snyder.	Christ, Hagerstown	1	283	250	275	43	23	24	9	...	12	4	14	1	35	900	335 00	4943 00	...	130 S. Patterson Park Av., Balto.
Adam B. Weber, D.D.	Faith	4	441	358	413	25	15	26	24	...	6	14	11	3	49	430	247 00	946 00	...	Thurmont, Frederick Co., Md.
Geo. A. Whitmore	Thurmont	2	213	177	186	5	3	2	13	...	2	4	...	3	32	199	309 00	3110 00	...	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
Harry F. Dittmar.	Jefferson	3	117	78	70	6	3	3	...	...	5	...	3	32	65	...	...	52 00	484 00	...	Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md.
Geo. W. Snyder	Boonsboro	1	105	80	70	4	7	5	3	...	4	1	1	15	131	...	...	84 00	696 00	...	304 E. 23d St., Baltimore, Md.
Chas. W. Levan.	St. Stephen's	3	281	240	109	6	3	12	3	...	3	2	3	21	123	...	...	111 00	709 00	...	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.
Hiram J. Macallister.	Union Bridge	3	264	203	113	5	1	9	3	...	...	...	3	46	234	...	...	454 00	1213 00	...	Adamstown, Frederick Co., Md.
Atville Connor	Manor	1	319	143	136	13	11	7	4	...	3	1	2	1	37	326	130 00	1663 00	...	2507 Madison Av., Baltimore, Md.
William I. Stewart, B.D.	Christ, Baltimore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Isaac M. Motter.	Without charge.	1	472	421	441	22	1	22	6	...	8	17	12	1	30	404	684 00	4666 00	...	304 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md.
Lloyd E. Coblenz.	St. Paul's, Baltimore	3	583	406	363	37	13	7	6	...	1	4	3	3	43	321	371 00	1155 00	...	Manchester, Carroll Co., Md.
Samuel M. Roeder.	Manchester	

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.		S. S. STA-TISTICS.		CONTRIBU-TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.										
		Congregationalists.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Re-Prov.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.		Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Sunday-School.	Officers and Teach.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Pur-pose.	Congregational Purpose.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.
Alexander Bateman, Ph D.	Taneytown	1	320	280	180	10	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Taneytown, Carroll Co., Md
Simon S. Miller	Treas. Min. Relief Society	1	185	165	90	3	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Christopher Noss	Foreign Missionary	2	198	165	90	3	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Sendal, Japan.
Fred. W. Bald	Clearspring	1	144	130	60	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Clearspring, Washington Co., Md.
Geo. M. de F. Zacharias	Without charge.	1	144	130	60	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	117 South St., Baltimore, Md.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	Emmitsburg	1	144	130	60	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., Md.
Cyrus Cort, D. D.	Without charge	1	144	130	60	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., Md.
Samuel R. Dietzel, Ph D.	Cavetown	3	373	326	259	9	16	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Cavetown Washington Co., Md.
John W. Pontius	Christ, Middletown	1	523	400	392	22	23	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	Middletown, Frederick Co., Md.
Eugene L. McLean	Grace, Frederick	1	204	166	160	29	21	25	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Middletown, Frederick Co., Md.
David J. Wolf.	Glade	2	232	184	132	15	1	7	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Elmer L. Coblenz	St. Paul's, Ridgely	1	130	105	60	21	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Waikerville Frederick Co., Md.
J. Stewart Hartman	St. Mary's, Silver Run.	1	545	431	335	18	1	14	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.
Wm. E. Lampe	Foreign Missionary	1	167	110	43	8	14	17	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Silver Run, Carroll Co., Md.
John M. Schick, D. D.	Grace, Washington, D. C.	1	65	57	43	16	3	23	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	Sendal, Japan.
James M. Mullan, H. D.	St. Mark's, Balt.more.	1	244	169	90	14	2	21	4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	1406 15th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.
James B. Stoncifer.	Carroll	3	147	115	100	30	15	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3302 Federal St., Baltimore, Md.
Robert J. Pilgram	Grace, Baltimore	1	147	115	100	30	15	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md
Vacant	Sabillasville	2	92	66	100	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1312 Light St., Frederick Co., Md.
Vacant	Burkittsville	2	158	127	60	21	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., Md.
T. F. Hoffmeier, supply	Rocky Hill	1	15	12	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., Md.
T. F. Hoffmeier, supply	Braddock	1	51	38	30	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Frederick, Frederick Co., Md.
Lieut. Jos. H. Apple	President Woman's College	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lineboro, Carroll Co., Md.
Lieut. Wm. H. Warner		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		65	10173	8077	6012	1613	49	461	260	187	95	185	124	189	1140	8694	5191	1363	00	855775	00	

43 ministers, 2 licentiates.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.										LOSSES.	S. S. STA- TISTICS.					CONTRIBU- TIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		ADDITIONS.											Beneficent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.						
		Communicants.	Commenced.	Uncommenced.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Unbaptized.	Deaths, Commenced.	Deaths, Uncommenced.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.									
William C Cremer	Middleburg (supply)	1	69	55	60	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$175 00	\$48 00	8	5 Chambersburg, Pa.
Franklin F Hahner	Waynesboro	2	441	365	160	7	5	20	15	4	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2400 00	625 33	30	60 Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. W. Aughbaugh, D D	Without charge																				Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa.
Geo. B Russell D D, L L, D	Without charge																				Zollinger, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jonas B. Shontz	St John's Chambersburg	1	332	285	169	22	2	10	14	5	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1715 00	287 00	16	30 Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Vacant	Grindstonehill																				75 Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C Schaeffer, Ph D.	Zion's Chambersburg	1	419	310	150	4	7	9	5	11	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1476 00	342 00	30	25 Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Henry N Bausler	St Thomas	4	347	267	259	4	1	5	5	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2003 00	1464 00	30	St Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle	1	320	290	145	5	2	8	4	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1000 00	1400 00	16	60 Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles A. Santee	Mercersburg	2	302	271	108	6	2	12	5	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	925 00	973 00	30	35 Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles M Smith	McConnellsburg	2	171	126	66	13	10	14	8	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	458 62	410 00	17	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.
Edward O Keen	St Paul's, Waynesboro	2	261	210	145	9	3	12	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	1483 00	556 00	20	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Christian Gumbert	London	3	322	194	99	3	2	8	3	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	686 00	132 00	2	Fort London, Franklin Co., Pa.
Cyrus R Dieffenbacher D.D	Shippensburg	1	293	251	92	3	5	11	9	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1349 00	663 26	20	21 Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Wm M Irvine, Ph D.	Lile Pres. Mer College																				Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Supplied by Rev Dr Cremer	Mont Alto	1	60	40	20	2	1	2	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	115 00	63 14		Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.
Supplied by Committee	Quincy	1	18	12	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 00	6 00	3	Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa.
Supplied by Committee	Payetteville																				Payetteville, Franklin Co., Pa.
		25	2471	2017	1401	97	55	133	82	64	37	60	17	22	403	3945	5	\$15205 20	\$15205 53	\$12 336	

13 ministers. 1 licentiate.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONALS.		LOSSES.		S. S. STATISTICS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Congregational.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Dismissed.	Re-commenced.	Renewal of Names.	Deaths Communicated.	Deaths Uncommunicated.			Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Benefactor Percentage.	Congregational Purpose.	Middlees Wanted.
J. A. Hochstetler, D.D.	Christ	1	312	279	216	99	1	2	7	2	2	8	1	1	4	20	\$5100 24.	4	Martinsburg, W. Va.	
J. W. Rauch	Falling Waters	1	12	12	8	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$3 17	4	Martinsburg, W. Va.	
O. G. Rerbert	Shepherdstown	3	140	121	60	6	2	1	1	1	4	3	2	15	124		500 00	12	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	
Josiah May	Without charge																		Dayard, W. Va.	
Samuel A. Hittner	Without charge																		Edinburg, Va.	
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	21	692	168	3	2	3	5	1	1	4	3	3	24	173	775 00	13	Woodstock, Va.	
H. Hittner	Mill Creek	4	105	176	120	4	20	1	1	1	4	3	3	173			626 00	13	Mt Jackson, Va.	
J. Hittner	Mansuetten Academy																		Woodstock, Va.	
Lewis T. Lampe	Mt James	1	127	130	76	1	3	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	12	65	150 00	12	Lovettsville, Va.	
R. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	9	265	169	70	5	3	4	2	1	8	2	2	27	371		307 54	12	Middlebrook, Va.	
Ellis B. Hay	St Paul	1	61	40	34	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	60		38 00	8	Roanoke, Va.	
Henry H. Winsler	Mt Crawford	3	108	171	44	2	2	2	14	1	4	1	2	20	163		340 00	14	Mt Crawford, Va.	
A. Theodore Wright	Rockingham	3	230	231	84	2	2	2	14	1	5	1	2	22	146	1	328 03	15	Mt Crawford, Va.	
A. Shulenberg	Edinburg	3	11	136	66	3	3	4	1	1	7	7	2	29	176		55 00	14	Edinburg, Va.	
M. A. Kieffer	Timberville	2	214	170	93	4	6	15	1	1	31	7	2	29	176		49 16	15	Timberville, Va.	
Thomas K. Cromer	Winchester	2	105	82	76	2	3	4	2	1	3	3	2	22	55		115 00	15	Winchester, Va.	
Varney	Harrisonburg	1	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		Lovettsville, Va.
L. T. Lampe (supply)	Christ (White)	1	15	7	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		5 00	125 00	4	Lovettsville, Va.
S. A. Hittner (supply)	Smithfield	1	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1 00	15 60	...	Edinburg, Va.
Vacant	Harrieville	2	224	172	73	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	36	204		373 00	447 00	...	Edinburg, Va.
Charles A. Bushong	Without charge																Baltimore, Md.
17		39,236	3063	1844	66	3174	48	251	179	63	10129	222	1608	1192516	80	\$11125	21	139		

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	MEMBERS. ADDITIONS. LOSSES.										S. S. STA- TISTICS.		CONTRIBU- TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.							
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Commenced.	Unconfrmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cenit of Re-Pro.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resure of Names.	Deaths, Commu.	Deaths, Unconfd.	Sunday-Schools.		Officers and Teach.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Per- poses.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.
John Ingle	Without charge	3	5	1	160	13	13	6	15	4	1	3	23	134	1	2325 00	91053 18	15	75	Green Park, N. C.			
Michael L. Hedrick	Without charge	1	40	21	20	7	4	9	31	1	1	1	11	87	1	9 00	2115 00	8	7	Silver Hill, N. C.			
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Without charge	4	135	125	216	10	2	12	18	6	2	2	4	45	465	1	96 00	325 00	21	...	Newton, N. C.		
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.	Prof in Catawba College	3	137	111	43	10	11	13	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	53 00	628 00	13	15	Newton, N. C.
John A. Foil, Ph.D.	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Paul Barringer	Hickory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hickory, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy	Lexington	1	40	21	20	7	4	9	31	1	1	1	11	87	1	9 00	2115 00	8	7	Lexington, N. C.			
Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.	Central Rowan	4	135	125	216	10	2	12	18	6	2	2	4	45	465	1	96 00	325 00	21	...	Crecent, N. C.		
J. M. Luther Lyerly	Burlington	3	137	111	43	10	11	13	11	1	...	...	...	...	...	53 00	628 00	13	15	Burlington, N. C.
James D. Andrew	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lexington, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford	Upper Davidson	4	452	354	203	12	21	38	3	30	1	4	4	38	406	2	218 00	833 00	51	90	Concord, N. C.		
Herv A. M. Holshouser	Concord	1	67	51	21	1	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39 50	421 50	6	12	West Chester, Pa.
Wm. H. McNairy	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Newton, N. C.
R. Frank Davis	Without charge	4	339	300	149	13	9	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Malden, N. C.
Clarence Clapp	Lincoln	3	268	321	224	19	29	9	10	1	4	2	3	43	365	1	237 54	572 08	23	83	Rockwell, N. C.		
Theodore C. Hemson	East Rowan	1	149	121	67	7	5	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Thomasville, N. C.
Charles H. Riedesel	Newton	3	194	119	60	3	8	12	4	4	14	2	3	34	145	1	75 00	405 09	15	30	Danville, N. C.		
Vacant.	Thomasville	2	314	278	101	4	6	34	5	14	2	7	23	232	1	110 50	330 00	23	38	McKee, N. C.			
Jacob N. Faust.	Guilford	5	249	144	76	6	1	13	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
George A. Stauffer	Lower Davidson	2	248	211	144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Green Park, N. C.
Vacant	New Glend	1	18	12	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Salisbury, N. C.
John H. Keller.	Blowing Rock	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	China Grove, N. C.
J. L. Murphy (supply)	Salisbury	2	206	184	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Conover, N. C.
W B Dutters, B.D., Ph.D.	West Rowan	4	150	103	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lenoir, N. C.
Joshua R. Bowers	Catawba	1	11	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	High Point, N. C.
Henry E. Sechler	Lenoir	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Philadelphia, Pa.
P. M. Trexler (supply)	High Point	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
J. C. Leonard (missionary).	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wm. A. Long, Ph.D.		46	13416	2321	1703	106	43	202	94	90	176	56	13	30	236	2194	9	53084	41	98633	71	977	309

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS. ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				S. S. STA-TISTICS.		CONTRIBU-TIONS.			Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
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Wm. K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge.	1	290	376	286	21	3	2	4	12</

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			S. & STA-TISTICS			CONTRIBU-TIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif of Re-Pro	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Resurrex of Names	Deaths, Unconfd	Sunday-School	Officers and Teach	Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	
J. David Miller.....	Duncannon	2	214	171	96	6	12	14	3	6	1	4	1	28	228	..	\$ 542 42 1/2	\$ 971 00	23	..	Duncannon, Pa.	
Miles O Nott	Carlisle	1	375	260	147	8	36	14	6	..	1	4	1	28	228	..	627 00	2576 64	14	60	Carlisle, Pa.	
Titus C. Strock.....	Zion's	4	528	397	328	18	36	14	6	..	10	8	2	4	43	217	2	272 00	1097 41	28	12	Blain, Pa.
Samuel H. Stein	Mechanicsburg	1	247	220	108	5	4	13	6	6	12	8	2	1	15	222	..	410 10	1250 00	25	20	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
John P. Dieffenderfer..	Sulphur Spring	4	374	161	88	5	10	23	8	3	6	2	1	4	50	235	..	189 23	2043 50	12	..	Carlisle, Pa.
Edwin D. Melrell	Newport	1	235	205	106	5	2	4	8	2	5	1	1	1	23	224	..	231 43	1252 02	10	15	Newport, Pa.
George W. Shellenberger.	Landisburg	4	394	266	180	11	2	5	5	5	6	9	2	4	59	278	..	424 07	260 48	24	25	Landisburg, Pa.
Ernest E. Weaver.	Newburg	1	120	116	54	6	1	4	7	7	2	2	1	1	21	210	1	109 85	900 00	26	9	Newburg, Pa.
J. Thomas Fox.....	New Bloomfield	2	143	123	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	1	34	144	1	..	86 00	200 00	10	..	New Bloomfield, Pa.
Solomon B. Schafer....	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Martinsburg, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Sec Bd of Foreign Mis.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer.....	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Philadelphia, Pa.
George A. House	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dayton, Ohio.
William H. Grah.....	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Carlisle, Pa.
14.		21	2490	1962	1164	61	19	66	67	..	23	40	14	19	316	2515	4	\$2783 98	\$30452 04	179	157	

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS. ADDITIONS.										M. M. STA- TION.	CONTRIBUTION.		M. M. STA- TION.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
		1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886		1877	1878			
Fred. A. Kuyper, D.D.	Without charge	348	404	197	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
John B. Moyer	Christ's Church	428	478	268	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Almon D. Wagoner	Greenfield	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Samuel G. Hestick	McMullinburg	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Edwin W. Blumberg	Yellow Creek	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Lewis Kobb	Trinity Church	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Charles H. Klinghoff	Medinaburg	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Erwin W. Hendrick	Bedford	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Calvin H. Heller	Bedford	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Clayton H. Potter	Marionburg	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Calvin H. Wehr	Friend's Cove	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Henry H. Hartman	Woodcock Valley	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Arthur C. Thompson	Marion	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Albert H. Glider	Clear Ridge	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Preston A. DeLong	Stuntington	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
William H. Landis	Mulphur Spring	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Benjamin H. Hausman	Bunning's Creek	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
John H. Hick	Grace Church	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Supply	Oriskany	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
John H. Hefner	Hickory Bottom	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Howard Child	Water Street	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.
Albert H. Nass	St. Clairsville	448	478	273	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Marionburg, Pa.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.
CLASSES OF POTOMAC SYNOD; AND THE SEVERAL SYNODS.

	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				S. & STA-TISTICS.				CONTRIBU-TIONS.		Church Papers Taken.			
	No. of Clergymen	No. of Ministers	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.		Cate or Re-Protd.	Disinited	Excommunicated.	Resigns of Names	Deaths, Commu'd	Deaths, Uncomm'd	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teach.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Devotional Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.		Minutes Wanted.		
					Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.																
Zion's	18	37	5,028	4,294	8,034	317	27	254	156	76	1	78	94	185	124	55	39	508	5,314	8	\$27,482 47
Maryland	43	66	10,173	8,077	9,012	511	49	401	280	137	..	95	185	124	124	55	39	508	5,314	8	\$8,813 45
Mercersburg	13	25	3,071	3,017	1,601	97	55	132	92	64	..	37	60	17	17	22	22	402	2,845	6	11,203 00
Virginia .....	..	17	33	2,636	2,093	1,188	46	21	74	48	30	..	29	53	10	10	28	252	1,568	1	15,205 52
North Carolina .....	..	24	45	3,416	2,681	1,705	108	53	202	104	90	..	176	35	13	13	38	386	3,104	8	2,024 41
Gettysburg .....	..	18	29	5,979	5,204	5,832	280	14	228	120	123	..	37	67	34	34	30	519	3,392	7	5,073 00
Carlisle .....	..	14	21	2,490	1,992	1,184	61	10	89	60	47	..	32	40	14	14	19	310	2,515	4	2,793 98
Junata .....	..	21	52	0,188	5,137	2,868	240	66	229	236	167	..	101	105	54	54	44	705	4,744	5	6,794 00
Potomac Synod (Totals)...	8	100	308	32,470	32,485	21,454	1,058	304	1,009	1,008	780	1	555	890	321	270	4317	32,176	39	\$43,941 63		
Pittsburgh Synod.....	5	80	149	19,120	16,714	9,691	800	156	825	628	360	1	597	226	104	104	137	1740	13,230	7	30,022 00	
Eastern Synod	12	313	536	102,118	81,716	51,693	5,331	508	4,981	3125	1704	3	1649	1403	1403	1403	1403	1403	1403	1403	118,432 00	
Ohio Synod.....	..	0	147	235	21,038	9,203	716	673	1,108	1108	814	2	942	396	110	110	110	110	110	110	26,066 00	
Northwest Synod	12	160	217	22,100	15,943	14,277	1,556	29	1,168	809	236	23	481	313	194	194	194	194	194	194	20,717 00	
Central Synod	5	100	125	22,244	17,083	12,501	1,242	82	987	628	242	4	548	335	183	183	183	183	183	183	17,802 00	
German Synod of the East.	5	63	55	15,208	11,030	10,378	1,897	18	966	656	109	2	723	350	131	131	131	131	131	131	93,996 00	
Interior Synod	5	59	60	3,111	2,629	1,345	187	69	183	122	87	..	166	47	15	15	15	15	15	15	6,303 00	
Totals.....	58	1107	1668	248,929	197,410	127,541	13,377	1745	11,936	7944	4161	36	5571	3628	2129	137	1740	13,230	7	\$344,708 51	\$1,181,619 31	

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Its Annual Sessions Held at Mechanicsburg, Pa.,

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Two. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the fourteenth and continued until the evening of the twentieth of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in St. Paul's Reformed Church of Mechanicsburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 14th, A. D. 1902, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. C. A. Santee, from Matthew 28th chapter and the 20th verse.

NOTE.—The change in place of meeting from Washington to Mechanicsburg, was ordered by a special meeting of Synod, at Pen Mar, on the 17th of July, 1902, held for that purpose.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President formally opened Synod with prayer. The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Henry H. Apple,² Geo. S. Sorber, H. M. John Klein, E. Bruce Lyttle, Hiram J. Hillegas, J. Kern McKee.

Elders.—Israel Laucks, Geo. H. Foust,² Aaron Reehling, S. Nevin Hench.²

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—Conrad Clever, D.D., Fred. W. Bald, E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., Chas. W. Levan, Barton R. Carnahan, James M. Mullan, B.D., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., John M. Schick, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Silas M. Hensch, David J. Wolf, T. Franklin Hoffmeier,¹ Eugene L. McLean,² Harry F. Dittmar, Simon S. Miller.

Elders.—Edmund S. Everhart, Adrian C. McCardell, W. Scott Kefauver, J. Taylor Motter, Geo. W. Crum, Wm. A. Henneberger, Samuel C. Thomas, Freelan Ankeny, Jacob P. Baltozer, John Gassman,³ J. C. Knoske.⁴

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers: Charles M. Smith, Harry N. Bassler, Geo. B. Russell, D.D., Gideon P. Fisher, Christian Gumbert.⁴

Elders.—Thomas G. Zarger, Daniel S. Barnhart, Samuel K. Clever, Isaac H. Kieffer.²

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers: Thomas K. Cromer, A. Theodore Wright,² Nehemiah H. Skyles, Geo. G. Everhart, John A. Hoffheins, D.D.

Elders.—John S. Crown, Richard L. Gray, Henry S. Seibert.³

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—Jacob C. Leonard, B.D., Wm. B. Duttera, Ph.D.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Frederick C. Seitz, Marsby J. Roth,² Walter E. Krebs, D.D., Alexander P. Frantz,² Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., J. Marion Mickley.

Elders.—Andrew R. Brodbeck,¹ Charles P. Gettier, M.D., Jacob H. Schriver, Singleton J. Meyers, John A. Spangler.²

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—George W. Shellenberger, J. Thomas Fox, John P. Dieffenderfer, J. David Miller, Ernest E. Weaver.

Elders.—John E. Hertzler,¹ George A. Wagner, David A. Myers, John Hertzler,² Jeremiah V. Fickes.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Lewis Robb, Henry H. Hartman, Albert F. Nace, Benjamin F. Bausman, Arthur C. Thompson, Daniel G. Hetrick, Wm. H. Landis.

Elders.—J. B. Philips, D. R. Earlenbaugh, H. B. Fouse, J. P. Cuppet, John H. Stephans, J. Scott Corle, D. R. Longenecker.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. C. A. Santee occupied the seat of Rev. C. Gumbert until Friday. Rev. S. H. Stein, that of Rev. G. W. Shellenberger from Friday until the adjournment of Synod. Elder Conrad Keim that of John E. Hertzler during the first three sessions.

Rev. H. H. Hartman and Elder S. J. Meyers were excused on Friday morning; Rev. D. G. Hetrick and Elders D. S. Barnhart, S. C. Thomas, I. H. Keefer, G. H. Foust on Saturday morning; Rev. J. C. Leonard, Saturday afternoon; Elders J. B. Philips, D. R. Longenecker, J. C. Knoske, R. L. Gray, Monday morning, and Elders C. P. Gettier, E. S. Everhart, J. H. Schriver, S. N. Hench, H. B. Fouse and Rev. Wm. B. Duttera Monday afternoon.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Rev. I. S. Leiby.

Maryland Classis.—Rev. J. S. Hartman, Prof. J. H. Apple.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. C. A. Santee, G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., E. O. Keen, J. B. Shontz, I. N. Peightel and Dr. Wm. M. Irvine.

Gettysburg Classis.—Elder G. N. Forney.

Carlisle Classis.—Revs. S. H. Stein, M. O. Noll, S. N. Callender, D.D., W. H. Groh, Elder Conrad Keim.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, D.D., H. Obold, Elder I. K. Little.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. A. C. Whitmer, J. P. Stein, D.D., T. M. Yundt, D. N. Dittmar, A. H. Hibschan, E. N. Kremer, D.D., J. R. Stein, M. H. Sangree, J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., C. J. Musser, D.D., R. W. Miller, D.D., W. W. Deatrick, J. I. Good, D.D., L. C. Harnish, Prof. R. C. Schiedt, Ph.D., Prof. J. E. Kershner, Ph.D., H. T. Spangler, D.D., A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., S. H. Eisenberg, Ph.D., A. F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., and Elders J. J. Nissley, G. W. Stein and Francis E. Heller.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Revs. E. D. Weigle, D.D., E. E. Parsons, H. N. Fegley and G. M. Diffenderfer, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. C. T. Dunning, D.D., Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. S. N. Moyer, United Brethren Church, and Rev. D. S. Shoop, Church of God.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., *President*, Washington, D. C.

Rev. N. H. Skyles, *Vice-President*, Woodstock, Va.

Rev. H. N. Bassler, *Corresponding Secretary*, St. Thomas, Pa.

Rev. G. G. Everhart, *Reading Clerk*, Harrisonburg, Va.

Elder Geo. N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., is *Stated Clerk* Woodberry, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as limited to the first ten pews from the chancel. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 and 2 o'clock, and close at 11.30 and 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services—Revs. S. H. Stein, G. W. Shellenberger, James M. Mullan, B.D., Elders Geo. A. Wagner and J. P. Cuppet.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., Geo. S. Sorber, A. C. Thompson, Elders W. A. Henneberger, J. S. Crawn.

Minutes of General Synod—Revs. C. W. Levan, J. C. Leonard, B.D., A. F. Nace, Elders T. G. Zarger, D. S. Barnhart.

Overtures—Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., S. M. Hench, E. E. Weaver, Elders J. P. Baltozer, D. R. Earlenbaugh.

Publication—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., F. W. Bald, B. F. Bausman, Elders Israel Laucks, G. W. Crum.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. L. Robb, D. J. Wolf, J. M. Mickley, Elders S. K. Clever, J. B. Philips.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. G. B. Russel, D.D., G. G. Everhart, W. E. Krebs, D.D., Elders Jeremiah V. Fickes, H. B. Fouse.

State of Religion—Revs. C. A. Santee, W. H. Landis, B. R. Carnahan, Elder J. B. Philips.

Ministerial Necrology—Revs. H. J. Hillegas, E. B. Lyttle, D. G. Hetrick, Elders S. C. Thomas, J. S. Corle.

Education—Revs. N. H. Skyles, C. W. Levan, G. P. Fisher, Elders W. Scott Kefauver, S. J. Meyers.

Orphans' Home—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., J. Kern McKee, C. M. Smith, Elders J. H. Schriver, J. Taylor Motter.

Missions—Revs. H. M. J. Kline, J. T. Fox, J. S. Kieffer, D.D., Elders C. P. Gettier, M.D., A. C. McCardell.

Sunday-schools—Revs. B. F. Bausman, C. Clever, D.D., T. K. Cromer, Elders E. S. Everhart, D. B. Longenecker.

Finance—Revs. F. C. Seitz, D. G. Hetrick, S. S. Miller, Elders Samuel K. Clever, Jeremiah V. Fickes.

Nominations—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., H. F. Dittmar, Harry N. Bassler, Elders D. A. Myers, R. L. Gray.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the General Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read,

and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The annual report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock—Opening Sermon by retiring President, Rev. Charles A. Santee, Mercersburg, Pa.

Wednesday evening, October 15, 7.30 o'clock—Sunday-school and Young People's Work, Rev. W. Bruce Lytle, York, Pa., presiding. Address: Opportunities in the Sunday-school for Religious Work, Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D., Baltimore. Address: The work Among the Young People, Rev. Frederick C. Seitz, Hanover, Pa.

Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock—Educational Meeting. Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., presiding. Address: Our Educational Work, Rev. Prof. Richard C. Schiedt, Ph.D., Lancaster, Pa. Address: Reformed Church Literature, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Friday evening, October 17, 7.30 o'clock—Home Missions. Rev. N. H. Skyles, Woodstock, Va., presiding. Address: The Meaning of Home Missions, Rev. Lewis Robb, Altoona, Pa. Address: The Open Door to the South, Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, North Carolina.

Saturday afternoon, October 18, 2.30 o'clock—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md. Altar service by Revs. H. N. Bassler and E. R. Deatrack, B.D.

Saturday evening, 7.30 o'clock—The Charities of the Church. Rev. Henry H. Apple, York, Pa., presiding. Address: The Relief Society, Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C. Address: The Orphan Cause.

St. Paul's Reformed. Sunday morning 9.15—Sunday-school. Addresses by Revs. M. J. Roth, Rufus W. Miller, D.D., Elder A. C. McCardell.

Sunday morning, 10.30—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D. Altar service by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.

Sunday afternoon—Men's Mass Meeting. Addresses by Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D., and Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle.

Sunday evening, 6.30—Young People's Praise Service. Leader, Rev. J. David Miller. Address by Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D.

Sunday evening, 7.30—Missionary Meeting. Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., presiding. Address by Rev. H. M. J. Klein, subject, "The Missionary Idea." Address by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., subject, "Why Not Now?"

Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. H. H. Apple; evening Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Church of God—Morning, Rev. C. W. Levan; evening, Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle.

Trinity Lutheran—Morning, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.; evening, Rev. F. C. Seitz.

Methodist Episcopal—Morning, Rev. A. F. Nace; evening, Rev. Gideon P. Fisher.

St. Mark's Lutheran—Morning, Rev. B. R. Carnahan; evening, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

United Brethren—Morning, Rev. M. J. Roth; evening, Rev. S. M. Hench.

Trindle Spring Lutheran—Evening, Rev. T. K. Cromer.

African M. E.—Evening, Rev. H. F. Dittmar.

Churchtown Reformed—2.30 P. M. Rev. F. C. Seitz.

First Church, Carlisle—Morning, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, D.D.; evening, Rev. John M. Schick, D.D.

Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg—Morning, Rev. D. N. Dittmar; evening, Rev. Jas. M. Mullan, B. D.

St. John's Reformed, Harrisburg—Morning, Rev. Jas. M. Mullan, B.D.; evening, Rev. A. F. Nace.

Second Reformed, Harrisburg—Morning, Rev. A. C. Thompson; evening, Rev. J. Kern McKee.

Fourth Reformed, Harrisburg—Morning and evening, Rev. J. C. Leonard.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the

Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, p. 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod; of which committee Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., is chairman.

Item 2, p. 36. The Classes are urged to raise the money needed for the completion of Science Building, through appropriate committees.

Item 3, p. 37. The attention of the Classes is called to the necessity of organizing a movement for the further endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Item 4, p. 38. Synod calls the attention of the Classes to the necessity of raising the \$900 due Catawba College this year, to redeem its pledge.

Item 5, p. 39. Synod requests all the Classes to give their co-operation to the cause of beneficiary education.

Item 6, p. 39. Synod's committee for the further endowment of the Woman's College at Frederick, is continued. Rev. M. O. Noll is chairman.

Item 7, p. 39. A committee of which Rev. J. B. Shontz is chairman, was appointed to ascertain the amount of interest paid Catawba College, the deficit now existing, what Classes are in arrears, the amount collected by the Financial Agent of the college, and the expense incurred in the collection of the same.

Item 8, p. 40. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, five members of Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, two members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, and one member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 9, p. 59. The Classes are asked to make especial efforts to have the apportionments for Missions considered as the minimum amount needed.

Item 10, p. 59. The Classes are requested to make suitable arrangements for the taking of special free-will offerings for payment of the debts of the Boards.

Item 11, p. 59. The Classes are requested to bring to the attention of all the Church the opportunities for the extension of **the** Redeemer's kingdom offered by the growing cities of our **land**, so that through increased liberality the Board may **enter** this territory.

Item 12, p. 59. The Classes, through their delegations assume \$5,000 for the erection of the Memorial Church at Washington.

Item 13, p. 59. On strength of these pledges, the trustees are **authorized** to borrow such sums as may be lacking to make up **the** \$5,000 when needed.

Item 14, p. 59. The Classes are urged to pay especial interest to the maintenance of the work of the Foreign Board.

Item 15, p. 60. It will be necessary for Synod to elect two members of the Board of Home Missions.

Item 16, p. 62. Apportionments are laid upon the several **Classes** for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Work among Germans, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Contingent Fund.

Item 17, p. 62. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing for contingent Fund of Synod and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 18, p. 63. It will be necessary for Synod to elect one member of the Board of Trustees of Synod to fill the place of **the** one whose term of office will expire on the first of next January.

Item 19, p. 65. The publications of our own Sunday-school Board are commended to the Classes, and they are urged to secure the use of them in all our schools.

Item 20, p. 65. The Classes are, through Standing Sunday-school Committees, to keep careful oversight of the schools and see to it that Normal Classes and Home Departments be organized wherever practicable.

Item 21, p. 69. The Classes are urged to present the merits and advantages of our Publication House to the churches and to the people.

Item 22, p. 69. The Stated Clerk was authorized to have printed and distributed to the proper persons 3,000 copies of **the** minutes of last year's session of Synod.

Item 23, p. 69. It will be necessary for Synod to elect one member of the Board of Publication.

Item 24, p. 70. The Classes are to request each congregation to give its people an opportunity to contribute at least once

a year to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Item 25, p. 73. Report of the committee to establish a Deaconess Home in York, Pa. Rev. H. H. Apple, chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman*.

For the action of Synod on item 1 see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, see Article X, Minutes of Classes, for their action on the several items; on items 6, 7, see Article XIII, Education; items 8, 15, 18, 23, were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; on item 13, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 22, see Article XX, Publication; and on item 25, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

Minutes of General Synod.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod presented its report on Monday morning, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod begs leave to report the following items claiming your attention:

1. Page 91. The General Synod recommends that the second Sunday in November be designated as Home Mission Sunday in the Sunday-school and that a free-will offering be taken.

2. Page 207. The General Synod has sent down the following amounts to be apportioned upon the various Classes of the Synods:

Contingent Fund	\$ 482 00
Home Missions	12,450 00
Harbor Missions	193 00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	1,448 00
Work among the Germans	930 00
Foreign Missions	7,240 00

Total.....\$22,743 00

Church Extension, 6 cents per member.

3. Page 228. The General Synod will meet in Zion Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on Tuesday, May 16, A. D. 1905, at 8 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. LEVAN, *Chairman*

For the action of the Synod on item 1, see Article XVIII, Sunday-schools; item 2 was adopted and then referred to the Committee on Finance; item 3 was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received and disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following papers have been referred to it:

Item 1. A communication from Pittsburgh Synod with reference to their action concerning request of Rev. Alex. Kallassay for aid in publishing the "Hungarian American Reformed Sentinel."

Item 2. An overture from Woman's Missionary Society of Zion's Classis requesting Synod's aid in organizing a woman's Synodical Society.

Item 3. An overture from committee representing the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College concerning the Science Building.

Item 4. A communication and report from the committee on the building of the Washington Memorial church.

Item 5. An overture from the Trustees of Catawba College.

Item 6. A letter from J. C. Leonard with reference to work among the colored people of the South.

Item 7. A letter of resignation from J. Taylor Motter, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 8. An overture from Woman's Missionary Society, Mercersburg Classis, requesting approval and assistance of Synod in the organization of a Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 9. A communication from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., superintendent of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Item 10. A communication and report from Rev. S. S. Miller, treasurer of the Ministerial Relief Society.

W. B. DUTTERA, *Chairman*

For action on item 1, see Article XX, Publication; on items 2, 4, 6, 8, see Article XIV, Missions; on items 9, 10, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on items 3, 5, Article XII, Education; item 7, the resignation was accepted and the vacancy was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Thursday forenoon, which was

received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg to report the following:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Stated Clerk of Mercersburg Classis fails to state from what Synod Rev. Gideon P. Fisher was dismissed.

2. Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis fails to give name of Synod in connection with reception of a minister.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

3. Virginia Classis requests Potomac Synod to excuse this Classis from any further payment of apportionment for Catawba College endowment fund.

4. Juniata Classis requests Synod not to lay upon her more than \$1,800 apportionment for Home Missions and \$900 for Foreign Missions.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

None.

IV.—Subjects Referred to Classes.

5. Zion's Classis accepts all the apportionment handed down; arranges to raise \$1,000 accepted by their delegates one year ago for the Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C.; acts favorably on all requests of Synod, reporting the Catawba College arrearage matter "attended to."

6. Maryland Classis accepts all the apportionment handed down, takes favorable action on all requests made by Synod, accepts the new apportionment on Catawba College endowment fund and defers action on arrearage until meeting of Synod.

7. Mercersburg Classis accepts all the apportionment sent down, arranges to pay the amount accepted one year ago for Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C.; takes favorable action on all matters referred to her by Synod; makes arrangements to meet the arrearage on Catawba College endowment fund.

8. Virginia Classis accepts all apportionment handed down by Synod, takes favorable action on all matters referred to her by Synod, and answers the Catawba College arrearage matter by the foregoing request (Item 3).

9. North Carolina Classis takes favorable action on all matters referred to her by Synod, and accepts all apportionments except for work among the Germans and Hungarian and Bohemian Missions. On Beneficiary Education \$100 is accepted and Foreign Missions is made a free-will offering.

10. Gettysburg Classis accepts all the apportionments sent down to her by Synod, arranges to pay the pledge of \$750 for the Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C.; acts favorably on all requests handed down by Synod, but takes no action on the arrearage on the Catawba College endowment fund matter.

11. Carlisle Classis accepts all the apportionment, arranges to raise the sum accepted for the Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C., and takes favorable action on all matters referred by Synod.

12. Juniata Classis accepts all apportionments except for Beneficiary Education only \$300 is accepted, and takes favorable action on all requests and recommendations, and arranges to pay \$1,200 for the Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

13. Zion's Classis licensed C. B. Heinly; ordained Licentiate J. Kern McKee; dismissed Rev. W. E. Bushong to Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod, and Rev. G. P. Fisher to Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod.

14. Maryland Classis licensed J. Elmer Guy and dismissed him to Virginia Classis, Potomac Synod, and John Hamilton Smith and dismissed him to Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod; received Rev. J. P. Harner from Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. Gustav R. Poetter from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod, and Rev. Wm. S. Fisher from Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. S. H. Dietzel to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. Wm. I. Stewart, B. D., to Chicago Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

15. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. G. P. Fisher from Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod.

16. Virginia Classis received Licentiate J. Elmer Guy from Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod, and ordained him to the holy ministry, and received Rev. A. H. Smith from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

17. North Carolina Classis licensed Samuel W. Beck and David E. Bowers and ordained him; licensed and ordained Joshua L. Bowers and Walter W. Rowe; ordained Licentiates W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., and John W. Keller; received Licentiate W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., from Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, and Rev. C. B. Heller from Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Rev. T. C. Hesson to Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod, Rev. G. A. Stauffer to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Rev. Wm. A. Long and Rev. J. N. Faust to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

18. Gettysburg Classis licensed and ordained Jacob M. Stick, licensed Robert L. Bair and Chas. A. Waltman and dismissed him to Carlisle Classis, Potomac Synod; received Licentiate J. Hamilton Smith from Maryland Classis and ordained him to the holy ministry, received Rev. Alexander P. Frantz from East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. Theo. C. Hesson from North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod; dismissed Rev. M. M. Noacher to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. P. E. Heimer to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio.

19. Carlisle Classis ordained Licentiate J. T. Fox; received Licentiate Chas. A. Waltman from Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod, and ordained him; dismissed Rev. T. C. Strock to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod.

20. Juniata Classis ordained Licentiates A. F. Nace, J. S. Heffner and Howard Obold; received Licentiate Wm. C. Slough from Goshenhoppen Classis, and Licentiate Walter E. Garrett from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained them; dismissed Revs. Chas. H. Slinghoff to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Gustav R. Poetter to Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod, Calvin P. Wehr to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod, Albert H. Ginder to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Calvin B. Heller to North Carolina Classis, Potomac Synod.

VI.—Times and Places of Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

21. Zion's Classis will meet June 1, 1903, 7.30 P. M. in Salem Reformed church, Paradise charge, near Dover, Pa. President, Rev. H. H. Apple; Stated Clerk, Rev. Aaron Spangler; Treasurer, E. A. Rice.

22. Maryland Classis will meet May 5, 1903, 7. 30 P. M. in the Reformed church, Clearspring, Md. President, Rev. A. Conner; Stated Clerk, Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D.; Treasurer, John Gassman.

23. Mercersburg Classis will meet on Ascension Thursday, 1903, at 8 o'clock P. M., in Kieffer's Reformed church, St. Thomas charge. President, Rev. H. N. Bassler; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D.

24. Virginia Classis will meet first Wednesday in May, 1903, at 8 o'clock P. M. in Trinity Reformed church, Timberville, Va. President, Rev. J. Silor Garrison; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.

25. North Carolina Classis will meet April 29, 1903, at 8 o'clock P. M., in Corinth Reformed church, Hickory, N. C. President, Rev. W. H. McNairy; Stated Clerk, Rev. J. C. Leonard; Treasurer, M. J. Rowe.

26. Gettysburg Classis will meet May 22, 1903, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. in Mt. Zion Reformed church, Spring Grove,

York county, Pa. President, Rev. J. M. Mickley; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D.

27. Carlisle Classis will meet the third Wednesday in May, 1903, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., in Christ's Reformed church, Duncannon, Pa. President, Rev. E. D. Meixell; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. J. David Miller.

28. Juniata Classis will meet May 21, 1903, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., in Christ's Reformed church, Altoona, Pa. President, Rev. I. W. Hendricks; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Lewis Robb.

Respectfully submitted,
LEWIS ROBB, *Chairman.*

The attention of the Classes noted as irregular in items 1 and 2 was called to the irregularities. The requests in items 3 and 4 were refused. Items 9 and 12 were adopted, except in respect to the failure to adopt all apportionments, and the attention of the Classes was directed to the action of Synod urging all the Classes to assume all apportionments in full (Minutes of Synod, 1900, page 15). The remaining items were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

No items of business have been given to this committee. Hence we have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The reports of the Classes have been placed in our hands; they tell of the condition of the charges and churches under the pastoral supervision of the re-

spective Classes. The review of these reports reveals a condition of activity and aggressiveness, and calls forth devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the grace and mercy vouchsafed to us. They tell of faithful work on the part of pastors and people.

The services of God's house have been maintained; the Word has been preached, the Sacraments administered, the children and youth of the Church have been instructed in the duties and doctrines of our holy religion, both in the Sunday-school and in the catechetical class. By these means the Divine human life that is in the Head has been carried to all within its influence. "Though the sower goes on his way weeping, bearing forth the seed," the promise is that, "he shall come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him."

The statistical tables show that 1,640 persons have been received into full membership by confirmation, and 1,217 by certificate. The losses by death and removal have been 1,972, showing a net gain of 885.

The benevolent operations of the Church have been carried forward and are in a healthy and encouraging condition. Nearly all the Classes report the apportionments paid in full. We note here the increased offerings for Home Missions as shown by the report of the treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board.

The educational work of the Synod is worthy of special mention. With the preparatory schools, the Woman's College, Catawba College and the college at Lancaster, with the new Science Building, we are more fully than ever equipped for the Christian education of the young men and women of our Church and the land. Great opportunities are opened to us. May the great Head of the Church inspire us with renewed zeal and endue us with increased energy, that we may measure up to our opportunities; that we may labor under the Divine guidance, so that where sin now abounds, grace may abound exceedingly.

The review of the past year gives great reason for thanksgiving and praise to our heavenly Father. True, there have been shadows as well as light, but these are but the more emphatic challenges to us to renewed efforts, and a summons to the Church to put on her whole armor and to unite all her forces and instrumentalities to go forward in the work to which our Lord and Master calls. The promises of God are sure; in that blessed assurance we go on, knowing that as He has been with us in the past, so He will be with us in the future.

Praying that God's richest blessing may be with us and that He who has called us to His holy service will abundantly qualify us for all that awaits us, we respectfully submit this report.

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables see Appendix.

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Report of the Board of Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Your letter of November regarding my proposed
 leaving return for the year ending 31st Dec 1962

The Board held its annual meeting at Chambers on Wednesday, July 20th, 1905 at 2 o'clock P. M. meeting Rev. J. T. Russell, D.D. was welcomed by Rev. T. F. Henderson, Secretary, and Rev. J. D. Dyer, Treasurer.

The reports of the students and the other members of the Classes were duly considered and approved accordingly. Students John H. Smith and John A. Cassis, of Maryland, and Charles A. Williams, of the City of Gettysburg, completed their studies in May and have been licensed and with one exception, and installed as pastors of churches. No new students enrolled. Only fourteen students are under the care of the Board. Of these, two, John A. Williams of Maryland, and John L. Alexander of Illinois, Classes were leave to suspend their studies for a year or more in order to assist in their support.

The twelve who will be in the program are Aaron M. Gluck, Diamond A. Black and William Sey. Seniors in the Seminary, and John E. Stone, Sen. Ursinus School of Theology, Henry W. Kuchler, Jr. in the Ursinus School, Edward S. Laman, John Trich and Charles E. Myers, Juniors in the Seminary, Las R. Krebs, Howard R. Miller and Thomas S. Rice in the Ursinus School, and Edward A. C. Harrison, Franklin and Marshall College.

These being : Glasgow, 2; Hays, Maryland :
cersburg, two; Juniata, two; Carlisle, two; Gettys-

Virginia, one; and North Carolina, one. Six are in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, five in the Ursinus School of Theology at Philadelphia, and one in Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster.

It will thus be seen that the Board has only one student in college, a Senior; only one in the Middle Class of the Ursinus School of Theology, and not any in the Middle Class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster; three Seniors in the Seminary at Lancaster, and one in the Ursinus School of Theology; three Juniors in the Seminary at Lancaster and three in the Ursinus School of Theology.

Inasmuch as some students discontinued the study of Greek during the latter part of their course in college, the Board, in response to an overture from Maryland Classis, adopted a rule requiring all students under its care to pursue the study of Greek throughout their entire college course.

The Treasurer presented his report for the year ending July 15, 1902, which upon being audited was found correct. This report will also be presented to Synod by the Treasurer.

North Carolina Classis which carries on its own beneficiary work reported that last year it had under its care seven students, two of whom had graduated and had been licensed to preach, and that during the coming year it will have six.

It will be necessary for Synod to elect successors to Revs. A. S. Weber, D.D., I. N. Peightel and W. C. Cremer, D.D., whose term of office expires with this meeting of Synod.

By order of the Board, respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*.

Report of the Treasurer, Board of Education.

J. David Miller, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education, Synod of the Potomac.

Balance in Treasury July 17, 1901.....	\$154 40
Received from Mercersburg Classis.....	523 35
“ “ Maryland Classis	396 42
“ “ Gettysburg Classis	265 00
“ “ Emanuel's Ref'd Church, Hanover, Pa.	150 00
“ “ Juniata Classis	300 00
“ “ Carlisle Classis	271 09
“ “ Virginia Classis	200 00
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EXPENDITURES.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student R. L. Bair.....	\$150 00
“ “ “ Chas. E. Myers.....	150 00
“ “ “ Dallas R. Krebs.....	150 00
“ “ “ Chas. A. Waltman.....	137 50

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student Howard R. Miller.....	150 00
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JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student	John E. Stone.....	\$150 00
" " "	B. A. Black.....	150 00

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student	Wm. H. Cauley.....	150 00
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MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student	A. M. Gluck.....	150 00
" " "	V. A. Barnhart.....	150 00

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student	H. W. Kochenderfer.....	150 00
" " "	V. S. Rice.....	150 00

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Paid Beneficiary Student	A. E. G. Herman.....	150 00
" " "	Ed. S. LaMar.....	150 00

Postage		1 60
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\$2,089 10

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 171 16
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Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
A. S. WEBER.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., July 16, 1902.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to report as follows:

The Board at its last annual meeting was organized by the election of the same officers as formerly. At the Commencement in June seventy boys were graduated. Sixty-five of these have entered the different colleges of the country. There will be found today, in thirty different colleges and professional schools of the country, boys who were graduated from this school. For the year ending June, 1902, the receipts of the school were \$64,976.54. The expenses were \$56,133.38, leaving a net gain of \$8,843.16. At the present time we have 244 boys on the rolls of the school. Eighteen of these are day students and 226 are boarders. In June last the portrait of Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., was presented to the school by his alumni. The presentation speech was made by Rev. I. W. Hendricks, of Bedford, Pa. The unveiling ceremony was attended by the Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh, his family, and many of his friends.

All the school buildings are now being lighted by electricity. The bath rooms have been doubled in capacity. The school has reached and exceeded the limit of its accommodations. Not only are all the school buildings filled, but a number of the boys are rooming in the town. This should not be. Not only for the sake of the boys but for the sake of the school

as well, the boys should be quartered in the school buildings on the campus. We must have a new dormitory. The President of the institution hopes to be able during the coming winter to secure money for its erection. In ten years the school has risen from obscurity to the fourth place, numerically, among boys' boarding schools of the United States.

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., begs leave to report as follows:

At its annual meeting in April last the Board was organized by the election of the same officers as those of the preceding year. We have satisfaction in reporting that the year ending June 4th, 1902, was a successful one. There were in attendance 150 students of which number 57 were boarders. At the commencement eight were graduated in the literary department, two in voice, two in pianoforte, and one in elocution.

For the year ending July 1st, 1902, the total receipts were \$14,965.05. The expenses were \$15,282.07. All rentals have been paid. The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and of the Treasurer of the current college expenses have been audited and found correct. The invested endowment fund is \$22,493.42; cash in hand, \$141.80; total, \$22,635.22.

Within the last few years some of our investments had to be replaced at a lower rate of interest. During September of last year a destructive storm swept over the College farm, greatly damaging the buildings and property. To repair this damage was an unforeseen expense, and this in connection with a reduced income from investments, caused a shortage in current expenses for the year of \$317.02.

We had July 1st, 1902, as assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., \$3,535.78. A photographic exhibit of the institution and its work prepared by the college was exhibited at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., where it received a bronze medal by the Superior Jury of Awards. The same exhibit was sent to the exposition at Charleston, S. C., and received from there a like award.

The college buildings have been renovated during the past summer and were never in better condition. The Faculty with a few unimportant changes remains the same. Four of its members have been with us from the beginning and the average term of service of the sixteen professors is four years.

The present enrollment is 124, of which 53 are boarders. This year will complete the decade of the present management. The experimental stage is past. We have steadily expanded and increased the efficiency of the institution, but we

have never been financially comfortable. The Synod has never made us so by providing for any part of our equipment. We have been left to take care of ourselves, and outside of less than \$2,000 contributed for endowment in addition to what has come from the Frederick congregation, nothing has been done for us, except the passage of friendly resolutions containing promises of help. There has been no addition to the endowment for over four years. Our income has at no time been sufficient to meet the growing needs of the institution, without material sacrifices being made by a few persons who are doing this work for the Church. Our plans are not to make money, but rather to give the most that is possible to the young women that are entrusted to us. As a matter of fact, we give for every dollar invested by our patrons, what costs us one dollar and five cents. Our partial endowment and the promises of Synod to increase the same, has led us to do this. Now, however, we have reached a point where further advancement is not only impossible, but where to maintain our present advantages, we must have your support.

Have we undertaken to do too much for the daughters of the Church? Shall we add to the expense of our students, and so keep our standard, or shall we lower our standard, cheapen our faculty and so live within our income? We stand face to face with one or the other of these alternatives, unless, we can have to a greater degree, the active co-operation and substantial help of our pastors and people.

If the proper education of women lies at the foundation of all true progress as we believe it does, then the logic of the situation, as well as the facts in the case make immediate co-operation imperative. If we can have this, no changes need be made, and a brighter future for the college is assured, for it is equipped to give to a larger number of the daughters of the Church advanced training and culture, than it has ever yet done. Your Board hereby expresses its appreciation of the help hitherto given us and asks that such help may become more general, for it is your work and we are your servants.

The time of service of Rev. C. S. Slagle will expire with December 31, 1902, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of Board of Directors.

FREDERICK, MD., Oct. 15, 1902.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to report as follows:

In making this our annual report of your school in the South, it is pleasant to note that the scholastic year ending in May, 1902, was in many respects a most prosperous one. The number of pupils enrolled was one hundred and seventy-eight. Ninety-five of these were boarders. There were twenty-five pupils in the music department.

The fall term opened on the 2d of September, 1902, with a good attendance. At present one hundred and thirty-five pupils are enrolled. Sixty of these are at the College Boarding Hall and some others are boarding in private families in town. The Faculty is composed of seven persons, four men and three women.

Board is given the pupils at cost. The cost for the first month of the present term was \$5.03. The average cost of board last year was \$4.70 per month. It must not be inferred from these figures that the quality of the board is inferior, but the cheapness of the board is the result of the economical management on the part of the authorities of the school and the cheapness of provisions in the community in which your school is located.

The terms of the following Trustees will expire in 1903: W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, J. E. Roller, Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D., and Rev. J. C. Leonard, B.D. It is the duty of this Synod to name the successors of these persons.

The efficiency of the school is crippled for lack of funds. The college has a small endowment fund of \$11,100. This, with the interest on the \$17,000 promised by the Synod, would give the school a working endowment of \$28,100; but the interest on this amount has not been realized. The school has received from the Synod of the Potomac since the present arrangements were entered into in 1896 the sum of \$3,732.97. Between \$2,500 and \$3,000 are still due the college by the Synod. If this amount was in the hands of our Treasurer, M. J. Rowe, it would relieve the college of all indebtedness. As it is the Treasurer has been forced to borrow \$600 to pay the salary of teachers. Nothing has been added to the endowment fund during the past year.

The school has many needs. Larger buildings and an increased endowment fund should engage the attention of the Trustees at once. It needs an interest in the sympathy and prayers of your reverend body.

The attention of the Synod is again called to this institution of the church as offering a good opportunity to the Reformed Church to do a great work in the South. The interest

Of the school is laid upon the hearts of the members of the **S**ynod of the Potomac with the prayer that the Synod may rally **a**round the school and that God may use it for His glory.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,

President of Board of Trustees of Catawba College.
HICKORY, N. C., October 13, 1902.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: By direction of the Board of Visitors the report of said Board for the year 1901-1902 is hereby laid before **y**ou for your consideration.

1. In September, 1901, the Seminary opened the seventy-seventh year of its sessions. The men whose names follow were admitted to the Junior Class. Nine of them are college graduates. Having sustained approved examinations at the close of the Junior year, they were advanced to the Middle Class.

James N. Blatt,
John Barner Bloom,
David B. Clark,
Albert J. Collison,
Frederick A. Cook,
H. Jerome Leinbach,

Geo. Wellington Lutz,
Jesse M. Mengel,
James G. Schaeffer,
Irvin C. Shell,
George W. Spotts.
Total, 11.

2. The members of the Middle Class, composed of those who were admitted to the Junior Class in 1900, together with two additions from Union Theological Seminary, viz: Paul H. Bridenbaugh and Clayton H. Ranck, were advanced, after approved examinations, to the Senior Class. Total 24.

3. Two members were honorably dismissed from the Senior Class: Walter G. Haupt and Harvey P. Walter.

Franklin Pierce Miller was absent by permission during the year engaged in teaching in the Kutztown Normal Institute. Not having relinquished his purpose to pursue his theological studies he continues on the roll of the present Senior Class. Paul L. Gerhard was admitted to this class at the beginning of the session.

The members of this class were granted the usual testimonial and referred to their respective Classes for examination and licensure. They are:

Robert Lee Bair,
Joseph M. Bean,
Paul J. Dundore,
Ernest Newton Evans,
Paul L. Gerhard,
Joseph Elmer Guy,
*Absent by permission.

Franklin Pierce Miller,*
James Oliver Oswald,
Edward Tracy Rhodes,
John Hamilton Smith,
Julius Vernholt.
Total, 11.

4. No case of discipline occurred during the year. The moral conduct and devotion of the students was satisfactory. They manifested commendable activity in Sunday-school, mission and other religious work, and were diligent in study.

5. Prof. Claude B. Davis resigned his position as teacher of elocution, having received and accepted a call to Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. His services in the institution were highly appreciated by the faculty and students, and we lose by his withdrawal a faithful and successful teacher. Arrangement has been made with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College by which we have secured for the Seminary as teacher of elocution Prof. John Quincy Adams who was called from State College.

6. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., was elected President of the Board of Visitors, the retiring President, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., having declined re-election.

7. In accordance with action of the three Synods the "Swander Lectureship" has been established and the name of Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., has been inserted in the catalogue on the page appropriated to the roll of the faculty. Dr. Swander purposes to deliver five courses of lectures during the fall term under the general title of "Christological Problems." He will co-operate with the faculty in the selection and appointment of other lecturers, the same to be men of ripe theological scholarship and approved progressive orthodoxy.

8. The attention of the Board was called by the faculty to the serious problem of providing for the need of men for the Christian ministry. This need is more noticeable in other denominations than our own and is to them a subject of great concern. The number of vacant charges is increasing; the number of admissions to the theological seminaries is decreasing. Our denomination is among the last to feel the effects of this movement, but the evidence of its existence is sufficient to awaken our fears and to call for earnest counteracting efforts. The address of the faculty on this subject was felt to be so important as to call for special action which is hereby laid before your reverend body for your consideration:

"The attention of the Synods is hereby called to the decline of the number of students attending upon Theological Seminaries in preparation for the Christian ministry. This ought to be a matter of grave consideration to the whole Church. To the existing vacant congregations must be added the growing number of mission stations, which together, call for a steadily increasing number of ministers. This the present outlook does not warrant us to expect.

"We therefore ask the Synods to take such action as will bring the above indicated condition clearly before the Church and instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked talent and piety to consecrate their lives to the service of the Church in the ranks of the Christian ministry."

9. The Board respectfully requests the three Synods to provide seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) for the year 1902-1903 for a teacher of elocution to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, \$375; Pittsburgh Synod, \$125; Synod of the Potomac, \$250.

10. The term of the following members of the Board expires December, 1902: Eastern Synod. Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. B. B. Ferer, D.D.; Synod of the Potomac, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., September 25, 1902.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 9, 1902.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 8th, 1902, when the following officers were elected: President J. W. Appel; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess. The second meeting was held October 9th, 1902.

The following minute on the death of Brother J. Y. Dietz was adopted:

The Board deeply laments the death of our beloved co-worker in the Lord, Brother Jacob Y. Dietz. He was for years an active member of the Board and during his whole life a useful member of the Church, active and earnest in the support of all her benevolent operations. Living, he was ever ready to serve the cause of his Divine Master, and dying, he did not forget that cause in the distribution of his property, remembering among other things the need of the Theological Seminary, whose interests he faithfully served during his active life upon earth.

While bowing in humble submission to Almighty God who has called him from his earthly labors, we cannot but express our sincere sorrow at the loss of so earnest a servant of the Lord and of His Church upon earth. He was endeared to us all by his warm friendship, his genial disposition, his Christian example and earnest devotion to the kingdom of Christ upon earth. His removal from our midst is an earnest call to us all to be more active and earnest and to press forward toward the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Dr. E. J. Santee, of Philadelphia, was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Brother J. Y. Dietz.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,800 toward the payment of the annual expenses of the Theological Seminary, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	\$900 00
Potomac Synod	600 00
Pittsburgh Synod	300 00

Resolved, That the attention of the Synods be respectfully called to the deficit which now amounts to \$6,984.50.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Synopsis of the report of Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1901.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund General.....	\$94,977 26
		Amount of Fund, special, J. Riegel..	15,680 00
		Amount of Fund, special, W. A. Wilt..	833 33
1902.			
Jan.	13.	Amount received bequest from the es- tate of W. F. Brinker, of Greens- burg, Pa., \$1,000; less State tax, \$50	950 00
May	9.	Amount received of J. B. Henry, Treas. Philadelphia Classis.....	21 00
			<hr/> \$112,461 59

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT, TREAS.,

1902.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	To sundry incomes and interest received from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$7,353 41
		CR.	
		By salary accounts and sundry bills paid from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.	\$7,229 84
1901.			
Oct.	1.	By balance due Endowment Fund....	7,108 07
			<hr/> \$14,337 91
		Amount Dr. brought down.....	7,353 41
			<hr/>
		Amount due Endowment Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$6,984 50

LIBRARY FUND.

1902.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....	\$ 1,819 96
1901.			
Oct.	1.	Amount balance due Fund.....	\$ 81 25
		Interest on Bond.....	15 00
Oct.	23.	Bill paid in error.....	5 35
1902.			
Apr.	2.	Interest on Bond.....	15 00
Sept.	8.	Interest to Oct. 1, 1902.....	52 80
			<hr/> \$169 40
		CR.	
		By sundry bills paid by vouchers.....	113 06
			<hr/>
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$56 34

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1901.		DR.	
Oct.	1.	To amount of Fund.....	\$5,000 00
		To Interest on Fund from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$250 00

1902.
Sept.

Cr.

By interest paid John Hertzler, Treas. Beneficiary Board to Oct. 1, 1902..... \$250 00

1902.
Oct.

WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.

1. Amount of Fund..... \$833 33
 Interest to date..... \$41 66
 Which amount is included in the current expense account of the Theological Seminary.

1902.
Oct.

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1. Amount of Fund..... \$2,000 75

1902.
Apr.
Apr.

Dr.

25. Interest on account note..... \$23 34
 30. Interest on Fund May 8, 1902..... 94 20
 \$117 54

1901.
May
1902.

Cr.

8. Balance due Treasurer..... 13
 Prize paid per Award Committee..... 100 00
 Sundry expenses 50
 100 53
 Balance due Fund May 8, 1902..... \$16 91

PRIZE FUND, SEMINARY CLASS 1892.

1902.
May
1902.
Mch.

8. Amount of Fund..... \$473 24

Dr.

11. Amount by Treasurer..... 5 00
 Interest on Fund, May 8, 1902..... 23 66
 \$28 66

1902.
May

Cr.

8. Balance due Treasurer..... \$1 34
 Prize paid per Award Committee.. 20 00
 Purse and express charges paid.. 1 00
 22 34
 Balance due Fund May 8, 1902..... \$5 72
 Carried to principal of Fund May 8, 1902..... 6 32
 Total of Fund May 8, 1902..... \$479 56

JOHN L. KIRKEL FUND.

1902.
Oct.

1. Amount of Fund is..... \$13,500 00
 All interest on this Fund is appropriated for in the Treasurer's account of current expenses of the Theological Seminary, to Oct. 1, 1902.

JACOB FOREST LIBRARY ALIEN FUND.

1902.
Oct.
1902.
Oct.
1902.
Sept.

1. Amount of Fund..... \$1,500 00

Dr.

1. Balance due Fund..... \$43 25
 2. Interest to Oct. 1, 1902..... \$45 15
 \$112 25

1901.		Cr.		
Oct. 12.	Crystal bill paid		\$6 75	
1902.				
Jan. 11.	Samuel Auxer		37 93	
Aug. 20.	J. C. Bowman, D.D., sundry bills.....		22 00	
				66 68
	Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....			\$46 52

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

	Amount of Fund		\$1,000 00	
		Dr.		
	Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1901.....		\$46 67	
1902.				
Sept. 8.	Interest to Oct. 1, 1902.....		45 00	
1901.				
Dec. 3.	Check of L. C. Schriver.....		25 00	
				\$116 67
1902.		Cr.		
Jan. 14.	Bills paid J. C. Bowman, D.D.....		\$10 34	
Aug. 26.	Bills paid J. C. Bowman, D.D.....		11 55	
				21 89
	Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....			\$94 78

HENRY WIRT LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1901.				
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund.....		\$1,000 00	
1901.		Dr.		
Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund.....		\$47 22	
1902.				
Sept. 8.	For interest to Oct. 1, 1902.....		45 00	
				\$92 22
1902.		Cr.		
Jan. 14.	Bills paid to J. C. Bowman, D.D.....		\$15 59	
Apr. 25.	Bills paid to Steiger & Co.....		6 71	
Aug. 26.	Bills paid to J. C. Bowman, D.D.....		27 28	
				49 58
	Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....			\$42 64

SEMINARY CLASS '94 LIBRARY ALCOVE.

1894.				
July 1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of Treasurer for collection		\$981 00	
1902.		Dr.		
Oct. 1.	Amt. cash received to date for notes paid		\$458 00	
	Unpaid notes in Treasurer's hands.....		523 00	
				981 00
1902.				
Oct. 1.	Interest in hands of Treasurer as credit on Fund.		\$63 66	

LECTURE FUND, THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

No endowment.

1901.		Dr.		
Oct. 1.	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....		\$38 56	
1902.		Cr.		
Oct. 1.	By orders paid to date.....		27 00	
	Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....			\$11 56

PITTSBURGH PROFESSORSHIP FUND

1901			
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund as reported to date.....	\$30,479 64	
Dec. 17.	Increase in principal of Fund from W. R. Barnhart	20 36	
	Amount of Fund Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$30,500 00	

1902	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	Interest received on Fund to date.....	\$1,535 00
1902	Cr.	
Oct. 1.	Int. paid Wm. Rapp, D.D., per vouchers	1,535 00

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND

1901			
Oct. 11.	Amount received Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer	\$	243 06

1902			
Feb. 7.	Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas....	54 76	
Feb. 10.	" Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas....	61 36	
Apr. 15.	" Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas....	35 00	
Apr. 30.	" Pittsburgh Synod, D. H. Leader, Treas..	425 00	
May 7.	" Zion's Classis, Rev. A. Spangler, Treas..	28 20	
May 10.	" Grace Reformed Church, York, Pa.....	5 51	
May 19.	" Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas....	358 68	
May 24.	" N. Carolina Classis, M. J. Rowe, Treas..	25 00	
July 16.	" Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treas..	401 06	
Sept. 9.	" Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas....	226 38	
			\$1,394 63

1902	Cr.	
Sept. 8.	By interest paid to Endowment Fund account to	
	Oct. 1, 1902	501 86
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		\$1,392 77

1902			
Oct. 1.	By balance Seminary Aid Fund charged to Treasurer and accounted for in his current expense account	1,392 77	

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

October 1, 1902.

Endowment Fund, general.....	\$95,948 26	
Endowment Fund, special, J. Riegel.....	15,680 00	
Endowment Fund, special, W. A. Wilt.....	833 33	
		\$112,461 59
Library Fund	1,819 96	
Smaltz Fund	5,000 00	
Class '92 Prize Fund.....	479 56	
Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75	
Jacob Forney Fund, Seminary Alcove.....	1,000 00	
Henry Wirt Fund, Seminary Alcove.....	1,000 00	
Andrew Keiser and Catherine W. Schriver Alcove.....	1,000 00	
Seminary Class '94, Seminary Alcove.....	981 00	
Endowment Fund, Pittsburgh Synod.....	30,500 00	
		\$156,242 86

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we attended to the duty assigned us and we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN W. APPLE,
Committee.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the late commencement the following degrees were conferred: the degree of A.B. upon

Levi Rufus Bair
Victor Albertus Barnhart,
John Frederick Buchheit,
Stanley Percy Daniels,
Daniel Longaker Evans,
Ira Fulmer Frankenfield,
John Robert Jones,
Edward Sinn Lamar,
Albert Victor Lampe,
Scott Smith Leiby,
John Borneman Ludy,
William David Marburger,
Clayton Dissinger Mell,
Charles Edward Meyers,
Howard Kline Miller,
William Henry Pascoe,
John Clayton Petre,

Paul Reed,
Charles Edgar Roth,
Charles Edgar Rupp,
Cyrus George Shupe,
Corle Horne Smith,
Luther Franklin Stoudt,
Vere Treichler,
Chalmers Wilson Walck,
Ammon Philip Weaver,
William Robert Weaver,
Calvin Naftzinger Wenrich,
John Philip Wentling,
Thomas Reynolds Williams,
Arthur Lee Yoder,
Ralph Ernest Yoder,
Jacob William Zehring,
Edwin Allen Zeigler,

and the degree of Ph.B. on Henry Clement Welker. The degree of A.M. in course was conferred upon the Rev. George B. Limbert, '90; Rev. Clement D. Kressley, '94; Rev. Calvin W. Laufer, '97; W. Mason Neff, '98; Frank W. Shulenberger, '98; Henry Kreitzer Benson, '99; Rev. William Piper Cooper, '99; Walter Franklin Martin, '99; Franklin Pierce Miller, '99; Clayton Ira Spessard, '99; Wilson A. Wert, '99. The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred upon the Rev. Cyrus J. Musser and the Rev. Prof. Geo. W. Richards. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon the Hon. Charles A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, Pa.

The college year of 1901-1902 was on the whole a very satisfactory one. The work of the college was carried forward without interruption and nothing occurred to mar the usual flow of events during the year. The attendance of students at the opening of the fall term of the present year shows a slight increase over the number in attendance last year. There have been admitted 36 Freshmen, 8 Sophomores, and 2 Juniors, making the enrollment for the year 166. In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Trustees the department of Military Instruction and Drill was abolished, and the arms and ordnance stores returned to the United States government. A course of free lectures was given during the winter in the college chapel, which proved very helpful and suggestive to the students. Messrs. Geo. F. Baer, W. U. Hensel, J. W. B. Bausman and W. H. Keller, who kindly consented to give these lectures without expense to the college, helped in this way to in-

augurate what cannot fail to be of great value to the students in supplementing class-room instruction, bringing the student body in touch with important questions of the day, and furnishing incentive to read and study topics which might otherwise receive but little attention in the college course. In other respects there has been no change in the course of instruction in the different departments.

Two deaths occurred during the year, one in the faculty and the other in the Board of Trustees. Dr. Martin L. Herr, lecturer on Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, who was greatly interested in the work of the college and rendered faithful work in his department, passed from our midst on February last. The Board of Trustees lost a valuable member in the person of J. Y. Dietz, a staunch friend and generous supporter of Franklin and Marshall College.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Claude B. Davis, who accepted a call to Drake University, Iowa, was filled by the appointment of Prof. John Quincy Adams, a graduate of Michigan State University. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. John Hedges, Physical Instructor, was filled by the appointment of Mr. John G. Chalmers, late of Lafayette College. The vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Herr was filled by the appointment of Dr. Charles P. Stahr, as lecturer on Anatomy and Hygiene, and Assistant Professor of Bacteriology. This position has no salary attached to it. The salary of Prof. Beck, Professor of Chemistry, has been increased to \$1,000; that of Prof. Heister, professor of Political and Social Science, to \$1,500; and that of Prof. Heller, assistant professor of Latin and Greek, to \$1,200.

In view of the fact that the college year was shortened by two weeks several years ago, and great difficulty was experienced in covering the work, especially that of the Senior year; the faculty was authorized by the Board of Trustees to shorten the Senior vacation. Inasmuch as it frequently happens that students are absent from examinations either on account of sickness or because they are temporarily absent from college, the Board of Trustees authorized the faculty to charge a special fee of \$1 for every such examination, to be paid to the professor who is required to make the examination.

In order to secure greater promptness in the marking and recording of absences and to deal promptly with all cases of irregularity in attendance, it was deemed advisable to change the system now in vogue. The Board of Trustees appointed Prof. George F. Mull registrar, with the understanding that he should have charge of the recording of absences and also the noting of conditions under which students enter college and of conditions incurred in the course of the year.

The finances of the college have been carefully managed

7. The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

8. The report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac.

These reports all come to us freighted with good news concerning our educational institutions. We gather from them the pleasing fact that the past scholastic year has been an unusually successful one, for our several institutions of learning, both as to the increased number of students, and as to substantial progress made in the class room.

I. From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that 46 students were in attendance during the last year. Of this number 11 completed the prescribed course and were granted the usual testimonial, and referred to their respective Classes for examination and licensure. These young men are now serving the Master at the altar and in the pulpit.

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary are compelled again to request the Synods to appropriate \$1,800 to meet the deficit in the annual expenses of the Seminary. Of this amount they ask the Eastern Synod to contribute \$900; Synod of the Potomac, \$600; Pittsburgh Synod, \$300. In regard to this request your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod assumes the sum of \$600, as requested by the Board of Trustees, and that this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

2. FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

We learn with pleasure, from the report of President Stahr, that Franklin and Marshall College, the oldest literary institution of our Church is in a prosperous condition and that good and substantial work was done by the student body during the year.

And it is with feelings of special delight that we learn of the completion of the Science Building. The erection of this much needed building does credit in every way to our institutions at Lancaster, and will mark a new era in the history of Franklin and Marshall College, and we hail it as another evidence of the onward march of progress this institution is making in higher education. The building has been erected at a cost of about \$65,000.

Next year will be the semi-centennial of the founding of Franklin and Marshall College and arrangements are being made to suitably celebrate the event.

In view of the above facts we recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we learn with feelings of delight, of the continued prosperity of Franklin and Marshall College.

Resolved, That we earnestly commend this institution of learning to the liberal support and patronage of our people.

Resolved, That we as a Synod heartily endorse the proposed semi-centennial celebration of the founding of Franklin and Marshall College.

Resolved, That every pastor, within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac, be earnestly requested to preach a special sermon on the 18th of January, 1903, the Sunday nearest Reformation Day, setting forth the needs and claims of Franklin and Marshall College.

Resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed, consisting of one representative of each Classis, to superintend this commemoration within the bounds of this Synod, and provide suitable literature on the subject, and lay it before the people.

Resolved, That said committee shall co-operate with any similar committee that may be appointed by the Board of Trustees and Alumni of the College, and by the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods, in the furtherance of the jubilee celebration.

Resolved, That the members of the committee shall take necessary steps to secure a large attendance of Reformed pastors and people from the respective Classes at the jubilee services proper, when held at Lancaster, Pa., in connection with the annual commencement of 1903.

3. MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College brings to us the most cheering news of the continued prosperity of this young and vigorous institution of learning. This school has had a most phenomenal growth. It is but a decade since it opened its doors to young men, and today it ranks fourth among the schools of its class, in our land. Its present enrollment of students is 244, of which number 226 are boarders. For the year ending June, 1902, the receipts of the school were \$64,976. The expenses were \$56,133, leaving a net gain of \$8,843.

Your committee recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we as a Synod, feel justly proud of our institution of learning at Mercersburg.

Resolved further, That we heartily commend Mercersburg College to the support and patronage of our people.

4. WOMAN'S COLLEGE, FREDERICK, MD.

From the report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College located at Frederick, Md., we learn that the institution is enjoying its wonted prosperity, so far as attendance and general activities are concerned. The past year has been marked

with evidences of steady growth and an effort to maintain the present high standard, and to further advance it. The re-opening this fall notes an increased number of both boarding and day students over one year ago, and an attendance of boarding students fully equal to the capacity of the buildings. It does not appear, however, that Synod has been endeavoring to redeem its pledge to aid in the support of this institution, in the way of providing for equipment already secured, and for further needed equipment, or of adding to its endowment. In view of this lack of general interest and co-operation on the part of pastors and people we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to instruct the pastors to hold within the bounds of each charge or group of charges, during the coming year, at least one educational meeting at which the education of women shall be discussed and the interest of the Woman's College presented.

This presentation may be by some one connected with the institution or some one else qualified to speak on the subject. Other educational interests may be presented at the same meeting if considered advisable.

5. CATAWBA COLLEGE.

The catalogue for the year 1902 of this our most southern institution of learning, shows an enrollment of 178 students. This speaks well for the school itself, and for those who are managing it. Had the college a better equipment, more commodious buildings and a larger endowment, her catalogue would, doubtless, show double that number of students today.

Our North Carolina brethren look to this Synod for aid; nor should they be allowed to look in vain. The Church should promptly and generously help this worthy institution, for in doing so she is but lengthening her own cords and strengthening her own stakes. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we earnestly commend Catawba College, not only to the sympathy and prayers of our people, but also to their generous support and patronage.

6. MASSANUTTEN ACADEMY.

For many years our Church had but one institution of learning south of the Potomac, today we boast of two, Catawba College and Massanutten Academy. The latter is but in its infancy, but we are happy to report that it is a vigorous and promising child. It has already outgrown its present surroundings and is demanding more room and larger accommodations. These the Board of Trustees hope to furnish in the near future.

This school is doing a good work for the boys and girls, not **only** of Reformed families, in the Valley of Virginia, but for **other** families as well. We offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we as a Synod rejoice in the continued **prosperity** of Massanutten Academy, and pray that the **blessing** of the great Head of the Church may continue to rest upon **its** teachers and pupils.

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We learn from this report that only 14 students are at **present** under its care. This is a very small number, when we **take** into account the fact that this Synod has a communicant **membership** of about 40,000. An item on this same subject **comes** to us from the report of the Committee on Theological **Seminary**. Your committee therefore, offer the following **resolution** for adoption:

WHEREAS, The authorities of the Theological Seminary **have** called attention to the decline of the number of students attending upon our Theological Seminary in preparation for the Christian ministry, and

WHEREAS, To the existing vacant congregations must be added the growing number of mission stations, which together call for a steadily increasing number of ministers, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod hereby instruct its Classes to instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked talent and piety to consecrate their lives to the service of the Church in the ranks of the Christian ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. SKYLES, *Chairman*.

The committee appointed to superintend the semi-centennial celebration of Franklin and Marshall College within the bounds of Synod is: Revs. E. B. Lyttle, N. H. Skyles, L. Robb, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., C. B. Heller, J. T. Fox and Elders W. A. Henneberger and C. P. Gettier, M.D.

Endowment of the Woman's College.

The committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., under item 6 of the Report on Minutes of Synod reported. The report was read and adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Woman's College of Frederick, Md., raised to co-operate with the authorities of that institution to work up a greater interest in Woman's education begs leave to report as follows:

First, That we had but one meeting, at which it was decided, at the suggestion of Prof. Apple, that whenever there

was a special opening or opportunity for work of your committee a meeting should be called by the chairman. But no such opportunity having presented itself no meeting was called.

In the second place, it was decided that each member of the committee should present the cause of Woman's education in general and Woman's College in particular at the annual meeting of his Classis and at such other times and places as seemed opportune. This has been done in every Classis by the member of your committee from that Classis except those at which Prof. Apple presented this work in person.

Your committee rejoices at the good work that is being done in this institution and congratulates the Synod on the fact that we have such a splendid school located in such a suitable place to which to send our daughters for general education and culture. We would impress upon our pastors, elders and people the great privilege and the corresponding duty to send their daughters to this school of our Church. We regret exceedingly that the Church has not been able proportionately to do for the school something by way of return, to what the school has done for the Church. Your committee consists of the following brethren: Revs. Walter E. Krebs, D.D., Edward O. Keen, H. M. J. Kline, I. M. Motter, J. D. Andrew, I. W. Hendricks, Lewis T. Lampe, and the chairman, Miles O. Noll, and at the request of President Apple asks to be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
MILES O. NOLL, *Chairman.*

Catawba College.

The committee to ascertain the amount of interest due Catawba College, etc., under item 7, report on Minutes of Synod, presented its report. It was read and referred for action to the same committee to which Revs. Drs. G. B. Russell and C. Clever were added. This committee subsequently reported. The report was read, amended, and adopted. It is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee appointed one year ago to ascertain the amount of interest paid by the Synod to Catawba College, the deficit now existing, what Classes are in arrears, the amount collected by the financial agent, and the expense incurred in the collection of the same, would make the following report, namely: We began our work of collecting facts and figures soon after the adjournment of the last Synod. We have examined each Synod's report since the Synod of Altoona, in order to ascertain the apportionments on each of the Classes. We have secured a full report from the Treasurer of Synod of all the interest received by him for Catawba College from the various classes since 1896. We have also received a full report from

the Treasurer of Catawba College of all the money received by him as interest on the endowment, and also of what was collected by the financial agent, Rev. J. C. Leonard; and of the amount of expenses incurred by him in the collection of the same.

In examining these reports, we have discovered that moneys have been sent to the Treasurer of the college without going through the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. But by comparing these reports we have been enabled to make, what we believe to be, a correct report of all the money apportioned on the Classes by the Synod, and paid by the Classes to the Treasurers of Synod and Catawba College. The following is a correct statement of the full amounts apportioned on the respective classes to the present time, and of the amounts paid on said apportionments, and the amount unpaid. Namely:

Zion's Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 775 00
Paid on Apportionments	126 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 548 65

Maryland Classis—

Apportionments	\$1,354 00
Paid on apportionments	887 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 467 00

Mercersburg Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 546 00
Paid on apportionments	371 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 175 00

Virginia Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 408 00
Paid on apportionments	276 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 132 00

North Carolina Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 556 00
Paid on apportionments	481 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 74 00

Gettysburg Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 933 00
Paid on apportionments	000 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 933 00

Carlisle Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 389 00
Paid on apportionments	219 00
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 170 00

Juniata Classis—

Apportionments	\$ 939 00
Paid on apportionments	939 00

Paid in full.

That this Synod appoint a committee composed of one minister from each Classis, with Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D., at large as its chairman, and the duty of said committee shall be to devise plans and means to secure the specified amount of \$5,000, and if possible by April 1st, 1903.

Should this committee fail to secure the full amount by the time specified, then this Synod hereby authorizes and instructs the Trustees of Synod to borrow so much as is needed to meet the deficiency on the \$5,000, and the committee urged to go forward with its work until the whole amount is secured.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. CARNAHAN.

The committee consists of Revs. A. S. Weber, D.D., H. H. Apple, A. Conner, C. A. Santee, T. K. Cromer, Prof. J. H. Keller, J. H. Smith, S. H. Stein, P. A. DeLong.

At the election of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the sessions of Saturday morning, Revs. W. C. Cremer, C. R. Dieffenbacher, I. N. Peightel were elected members of the Board of Education for three years; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College for a term of three years, Elder A. R. Schnebley for two years, and E. J. Bonebrake for one year; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Director of Woman's College for five years; Revs. J. S. Kieffer, L. Robb, members of Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for four years; Elders S. N. Hench, I. Laucks, members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years, and J. B. Shulenberger for four years.

At the same time the following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. A. Foil, T. J. Barkley, and Messrs. D. M. Carpenter, G. T. Shower, M.D., and W. H. Williams.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., I. N. Peightel, for three years; Revs. J. W. Santee, D.D., J. T. Rossiter, D.D., S. U. Waugaman, for two years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., T. F. Hoffmeier and J. D. Miller, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier, for three years; Revs. C. A. Santee, C. R. Dieffenbacher and Elder A. R. Schnebley, for two years; and Revs. I. N. Peightel, and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and S. Hoeflich, for one year.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., for five years; Elder W. H. Lakin, for four years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for three years; Elder J. Gassman, for two years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., and Lewis Robb, for four years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., and J. W. Santee, D.D., for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Elders S. N. Hench and I. Laucks, for six years; Elders J. H. Schriever and J. B. Shulenberger, for four years; Elders J. H. Cost and E. A. Shulenberger, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., —; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909; Geo. N. Forney, 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, the report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Thursday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The present membership and organization of the Board is as follows: Rev. C. A. Santee, President; Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., Secretary; Elder J. J. Nissley, Treasurer; Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Rev. J. F. Moyer, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Rev. L. E. Coblentz, Rev. C. B. Heller, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Rev. C. B. Schneder and Elder C. M. Bower. The first six named are the Executive Council. This organization for a term of four years was effected at the annual meeting held April 7, 1902.

During the year the Board held an annual meeting, and the Executive Council held three quarterly meetings. The work committed to us has been managed according to our best judgment. The Board keeps in close touch with all the missions

within the bounds of the two Synods, and it is a pleasure to report that as a whole they are in good condition. None became self-supporting during the year, but two new fields were added to the roll, Faith church, Lancaster, Pa., and Lewistown, Pa.; and Bethel Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., was re-enrolled.

Lewistown, as a new field, is especially important, being a county seat, a railroad junction, and on the border of the two Synods, in a section where we had not a congregation between Newport and Huntingdon, but into which of late years our people have been going in large numbers, attracted by the extensive manufacturing interests located there.

We present the Treasurer's report as a part of this report, and call your attention to its details of income, loans made and repaid and other items of interest.

In accordance with your recommendation the General Board elected Rev. A. C. Whitmer superintendent of missions for a term of three years from October 1st, 1902.

Over a year ago we discovered that the will of Jacob Bare, of York county, Pa., who died nearly twenty years ago, directs that on the death of a certain life tenant, still living, the executor shall pay three thousand dollars "to the treasurer of the Home Missionary Society of the German Reformed Church"; and the will also makes the said society a residuary legatee. At first we supposed that this Board was the proper body to give attention to this interest; but on full examination the Board at its annual meeting in April last decided that the General Board is the proper legatee, and therefore referred the whole matter to that board, and it accepted the trust.

Through the generosity of Rev. G. L. Staley, D.D., the Board has been made the custodian of a communion service used by him in his school at Mount Washington, Md., in 1858, which service is to be loaned to newly organized missions. Its first use is in the Sunday-school mission in Allegheny, Pa.

We record with pleasure an increased favorable response on the part of the churches to the apportionment for this work. This is seen by comparing the Treasurer's present report with that of last year, in the following statement of amounts received:

	1901.	1902.	INCREASE.
Home Missions	\$26,676	\$34,999	\$8,323
Hungarian Work	2,303	2,819	516
The Harbor Mission	402	480	78
German Work	1,210	1,768	558
Designated moneys	331	350	19
Church Building	2,075	2,924	849

The great importance of the Home Missionary work demands its vigorous prosecution, even for the advancement of other interests. The Church is coming to see this more plainly

than ever before, and we hail with joy every evidence of improvement in this direction.

The terms of Rev. C. B. Heller and Rev. N. H. Skyles expire April 1, 1902.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. SANTEE, President.

ELLIS N. KREMER, Secretary.

John J. Nimley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From the Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	\$2,205	27	
Wichicon Classis	1,387	74	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,325	38	
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,545	77	
Lebanon Classis	1,575	28	
Manchester Classis	1,938	76	
Schuykill Classis	1,162	75	
East Susquehanna Classis	1,443	53	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,946	88	
Lekigh Classis	2,350	00	
Wyoming Classis	1,424	09	
Reading Classis	3,599	78	
			\$22,905 33

From the Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	\$3,436	80	
Mercersburg Classis	1,424	94	
Virginia Classis	425	00	
Zion's Classis	559	69	
Juniata Classis	1,920	04	
Gettysburg Classis	250	00	
North Carolina Classis	618	63	
Carlisle Classis	641	28	
			\$9,276 38

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Elder E. H. Burkholder and wife.....	\$	25	00
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt., amount collected for iron church		905	00
Infant Dept. Salem church, Harrisburg.....		1	12
Mr. W. H. Herr, Altoona, Pa.....		50	00
Rev. Dr. J. W. Santee, Philadelphia.....		20	00
Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.....		268	49
Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.....		5	00
Hummelstown, Pa., charge		30	00
Church and Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa.....		310	33
Nevin Boyer Fund		5	00
Mrs. Zearfoss Fund		10	00
Packerton, Pa.		50	
Missionary Society, Martinsburg, W. Va.....		30	00
Mrs. Amanda Wagner, interest on legacy.....		100	00
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....		2	03
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.....		8	40
Elder John A. Deihl, Marion, Pa.....		25	00

Dividend York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy.....	\$ 37 50	
Mrs. C. A. Fremel.....	95 00	
Hungarian church, Trenton, N. J.....	36 00	
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	28 00	
Grace church, Allentown, Pa.....	54 00	
Maryland Classis	217 50	
Scranton Bond	12 00	
Heidelberg church, Thomasville, N. C.	3 00	
C. M. Boush, treasurer, on Sioux City mortgage....	5 25	
Church near Timberville, Va.....,	1 50	
Trinity church, Altoona, Pa.....	42 00	
St. John's church, Harrisburg, Pa.....	150 00	
Expenses repaid in the Baer will matter.....	69 67	
Mrs. Leah Seidel	90 00	
Tioga church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	20 00	
Zion's church, Marietta, Pa.....	25 00	
Christ's church, Packerton, Pa.....	10 00	
St. Paul's church, Roanoke, Va.....	45 00	
Burlington, N. C.	15 00	
St. Mark's church, Baltimore, Md.	88 00	
		<u>\$1,277 09</u>
		<u>\$2,713 97</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Tax on Baltimore mortgages.....	\$ 28 83	
Tax on lot at Astoria Ore.....	17 86	
Expenses in Baer Will case.....	69 64	
To restore the Missionary Society church building fund	241 20	
St. John's church, Harrisburg, Pa., for supply....	120 00	
Traveling expenses of the Board, stationery and postage	74 72	
Salary of the Secretary.....	75 00	
Salary of the Treasurer.....	75 00	
Balance September 27, 1902.....	2,011 72	
		<u>\$2,713 97</u>

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DONATION.

Balance in treasury for Grace Memorial church, Washington, D. C., Sept. 23, 1901.....	\$ 828 41	
Interest accrued	20 00	
		<u>\$848 41</u>

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Paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, treasurer for Washington church....	<u>\$848 41</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 27, 1902.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 27, 1902.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JAMES C. THOMPSON.

Report of the Board of Home Missions.

To the Synods:

BRETHREN: The Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions to the General Synod, at Baltimore, in May last, gave a full and clear statement of the work of the Board up to that date. It was, therefore, not deemed necessary to offer to the Synods, an extended report at their meetings this fall. The report, here offered, is in the nature of a supplemental statement to what is contained in the aforesaid report. Some action has been taken since May last which should be stated, while some suggestions may be offered growing out of the action of the General Synod.

NUMBER OF MISSIONS.—In the triennial report ninety-eight Missions are reported on the roll of the Board. Four of these passed off the roll on April first, leaving ninety-four. Since then three have been added, namely: Faith Mission, Lancaster, Pa.; Lewistown, Pa.; and Waterloo, Indiana, making on October 1st, 1902, ninety-seven Missions. To these must be added our Harbor Mission at the port of New York. This makes ninety-eight missionaries under the Board at the present time. The missions, as to language are as follows: two Bohemian, two German-English, ten Hungarian, and eighty-three English.

CONDITION OF THE MISSIONS.—Six of the Missions are vacant at present, but four of them will have pastors at an early day. The two German-English Missions will be transferred to the German Boards on April 1st, 1903, in accordance with the action of General Synod. It is altogether likely that during the year one mission will be dropped and several will be consolidated with adjacent charges. The Missions are generally in very good condition. Their growth, with a few exceptions, has been steady and the finances of these fields are in good order. Some of them need the fostering care of their Classes more than they now receive. Many of these fields have been improving their church properties; others have erected new church buildings, while a number of them have built parsonages.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.—We now have ten Hungarian fields. Three of them are without pastors, but by the time this appears before the Synods, three men may have arrived from Hungary to take charge of them. These men were to arrive, in this country in the month of September. A new field will be organized without doubt, embracing South River, New Brunswick, Woodbridge and other points in New Jersey. It is necessary for our Church to awaken to the importance of this field. Certain other Churches, seeing the fruitful character of the work are organizing with material that rightfully belongs to us. All the Hungarian Missions are prosperous, and when Phoenixville, Johnstown and East Toledo receive their pastors

we will be in a position to do still more aggressive work. A number of other points are calling for organization.

BOHEMIAN WORK.—We still have but two missions among this people, one in Cleveland, Ohio, and the other in Chicago. It must be admitted that the hardest work the Board engages in is among this people. The people who are in the Church seem to love the Church and are good people, but do not seem willing to help themselves as do those of other nationalities. The Bohemians are dominated by infidel leaders and societies, which hinders successful church work amongst them very much. The Bohemian Brethren in Chicago need a church building very much. The Board at its April meeting recommended this to the liberal consideration of the Church. Many of the Classes took favorable action on the recommendation but up to this time no very considerable response has been made. We again call attention to this matter and ask that the worthy object be aided as much as possible.

CHURCH BUILDING.—This arm of the work is prosperous. From all sections of the Church come Building Funds. The fact that these are permanent funds seems to recommend them to our people. We have one hundred and thirty-three Funds. Aside from these we have at least fifteen partial Funds which in due time will be completed. These Funds and the apportionments for this work have been a very great aid in the work. In fact our work could not be carried forward as successfully as now, were it not for this money. The Board is anxious to keep this before the Church, so that our people of means may be induced to aid in this way. The value of lots and church property amounts to almost \$350,000. Let the Synods not fail to give the Board the six cents per member designated by the General Synod.

FINANCES.—We did not succeed in raising the \$35,000 asked for last Easter, but only a small part of that sum remains unpaid. There is an indebtedness resting on the Board at present, but it is hoped that this will not become a grievous burden. The new apportionments given out by the General Synod at Baltimore, will be sent down by the Synods to the Classes at their meetings this fall. This new apportionment gives us for all purposes \$75,000. It is to be hoped that by the increased amount of money which this will give the Board it may be enabled to enlarge the work in the near future. The aim ought to be to pay promptly what is promised by the Synods. The Board can only measure the amount of work by the amount of funds furnished by the church. If the funds promised are not paid an indebtedness is the result. The whole amount of money expended last year was a little over \$50,000, aside from the Church Building work.

NEW WORK.—Additional work will be taken up as the funds will permit. There is no lack of opportunity. The calls for new missions are many. Indianapolis has been calling for several years, but the Board has not had the means to enroll it. Other large cities and towns, as well as smaller places, have been pleading for the coming of our Church. There are many open doors. The Board has done the best it could. It would like to take up new points. It would urge upon the Church a more earnest consideration of these numerous calls. Are they not the calls of the Lord? Do these not represent the opportunities He places before us? Can we believe that He gives us opportunities that we cannot meet if we will? The very fact that He gives us these opportunities is an evidence that He gives us the ability to meet them.

STATISTICS.—As stated above we have now ninety-seven Missions on the roll of the Board aside from the Harbor Mission. There are in these Missions one hundred and thirty congregations, with nearly 12,000 communicants. These Missions raised for Home purposes \$96,000 last year and \$10,000 for benevolence. This is evidence that they try to help themselves, while the amount paid to benevolence is above the average of the Church, per member.

APPORTIONMENTS.—The following are the Apportionments, annually for the next three years:

SYNODS	Home Missions	Harbor Missions	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions	Work Among Germans	Church Building
Eastern.....	\$32,370	\$492	\$3,690	\$2,428	Six cents per member
Potomac	12,450	193	1,448	930	" " " "
Pittsburg	6,280	90	675	460	" " " "
Ohio	12,450	125	937	590	" " " "
Interior	1,085	14	107	94	" " " "

REQUESTS.—We ask that the Synods take such action as will insure the payment of the sums voted by the Synod.

That all the Synods assume the six cents per member for the Church Building Fund.

That the pastors be requested to keep the \$500 Building Funds before their people, so that additional Funds may be obtained.

That the Synodical Mission Boards recommend to the General Board from time to time only the most important and hopeful points where Missions may be founded.

That as much as possible, the Classes take a more direct oversight of the Missions.

That whenever possible, old Missions be consolidated with adjacent charges.

D. S. FOUSE, *Miss. Supt.*

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the English Synods:

The General Synod last May directed that the second Sunday of November in every year shall be set apart and known throughout the Church as Home Missionary Day in our Sunday-schools, when special missionary services shall be held and special offerings be given for Home Missions.

The Sunday-school Board and the Board of Home Missions have prepared and published a suitable Order of Service to be used on that day by our schools and congregations; and these Orders of Service have been sent to pastors and superintendents with special envelopes, in the hope that both may be used to advantage, not merely that money may be raised for Home Missions, but especially also that our children may be taught and trained in the knowledge and love of church work.

It is a matter for congratulation that during the year past the debt of the Board has been very largely reduced, being now only about \$20,000, owing in large measure to the growing number of charges that pay their apportionment in full and to the additional fact that many charges pay far more than the apportionment.

One of the most promising helps toward the cash basis which the Board of Home Missions is trying to reach is the introduction and establishment of a Home Missionary Day in our Sunday-schools, in accordance with the wise action of the late General Synod.

We therefore ask the reverend Synods heartily to endorse this new departure and to urge its adoption throughout all their Classes.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

October 6th, 1902.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Grace be with you, and peace in all the earth. Besides the information given you of our work in the Triennial Report, I beg to present a few later facts to your reverend Synod.

Both our Japan and China Missions are in a prosperous condition, and give promise of great usefulness. We have laid the foundations for effective service, and it is the prerogative of faith to believe that God will bless us with many sheaves of rejoicing in the near future.

During the year 1901, a tidal wave of evangelism swept over the empire of Japan, and as a result the churches report encouraging additions. Besides this, the Government is more tolerant of the Christian school, and we trust, ere long, the last vestige of hostility will forever disappear.

In the Tohoku Gakuin there are 21 teachers: 6 foreigners and 15 natives, with 158 students, of whom 53 are Christians. Already 25 faithful evangelists are the fruits of this school of the prophets. I desire to call your attention to the excellent booklet prepared by Rev. D. B. Schneder, D.D., in which the condition and needs of the institution are graphically set forth. The Board will be glad to supply pastors with copies for free distribution. This booklet will help to create a still deeper interest in this important work of the Mission.

The Girls' School, as is known to the Synod, was totally destroyed by fire on March 8th. The plans for the new buildings are slow in maturing, but the intention is to erect a Recitation Hall in American style, to be known as the Christine Elizabeth Faust Memorial Hall, and the dormitories in Japanese style. The school will sustain a temporary loss, but we hope the cause of education for women in Japan may be promoted in the end. There has been an enrollment during the year of 111 students, of whom 54 are Christians. The 21 Bible women are graduates of the school. Many of the students take an active part in the Sunday-schools.

A very helpful institution in connection with the Tohoku Gakuin is the Industrial Home. This home furnishes the opportunities for young men to earn their way through school. It teaches them the great lesson of self-help. The average number of students is about 70. During the year 11 have united with the Church.

Our China Mission has secured a firm foothold in Yochow through the purchase by Rev. W. E. Hoy, of a splendid property owned by the London Missionary Society, at a cost of \$3,000. By a special effort earlier in the year, \$4,000 have been raised; but to pay for the lot, erect a wall, and rearrange the old Chinese buildings for better use in church, hospital and school work, besides a new house, we will need to raise this amount to at least \$5,000.

In response to the urgent appeals of the missions for more workers, the Board has commissioned the following persons, who will sail this fall: In place of Rev. Fred. Cromer who had to return home on account of his eyesight, Rev. W. A. Reimert and wife have been elected. Dr. J. Albert Beam and wife will go out as our first medical missionaries. Both of them are graduates of medicine, and have won distinction in their profession. We can safely entrust into their hands the founding of a hospital, which has proven to be one of the most helpful agencies in the spread of the Gospel in China. The Misses Christine Reifsneider and S. Emma Ziemer, will go as teachers in the school to be organized. The Japan Mission has been calling most earnestly for a business manager, and the Rev. Jacob M. Stick will be sent to fill this important position. Rev. Her-

man H. Cook, Jr., and wife will fill the urgent need of an additional teacher of English in the Tohoku Gakuin. He is a representative of the German portion of the Church, and we commend him most heartily to your favor, as also the other new missionaries.

All our missionaries, except Rev. S. S. Snyder, are soon to be in active service on the fields, and we crave your prayer and help in their support. Our Church has been making commendable progress in her work of Foreign Missions. Fifteen years ago, the treasurer was able to report only \$29,000 for the triennium; this year the treasurer reports \$114,000 for the same period. So that it is evident that the people are giving more liberally towards this most worthy cause. May the dear Lord constrain us to do still greater things for Him in the coming year. With the heart's best wishes for you all, and the earnest hope that God may bless your deliberations for His kingdom in the world, I am, with kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW,

Secretary.

N. B.—One week ago a cablegram came to hand, announcing the death of little David Schneder Hoy, the next to the youngest child of our dear Brother William E. Hoy. Brethren, pray that grace may be multiplied to this stricken family, and that the name of the Lord may be glorified by this sad affliction.

I am very glad to report to the Synod the good news, that the insurance loss on the Girls' School building has been paid, the amount being \$4,472.66. May you urge the members within your bounds to renew their efforts in aiding in the completion of this fund.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report that the following papers have been placed in its hands and carefully considered.

1. The regular report of General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

2. A supplemental report from the same Board.

3. Report of Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.

4. Report of Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board.

5. Two overtures requesting the approval and aid of Synod in the organization of a Synodical Woman's Missionary Society.

6. The Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

From the reports of the several Boards of the Church we

learn that the work of Missions has been the great work before the Church during the past year, and that every department of the mission cause has been vigorously prosecuted with encouraging results. In the report of General Synod's Home Mission Board we note with much satisfaction that the 98 missions under the Board are generally in very good condition, that the finances of the fields are in good order; that the spirit of self-help is evidenced in the fact that the amount paid to benevolence by our mission churches is above the average of the Church; that our Hungarian work is prosperous and is to be re-enforced by the arrival of three additional men from Hungary to take charge of the several congregations who are without a pastor. We specially congratulate the Church on the continuous growth of that most valuable feature of our Home Mission work, the Building Funds, of which Superintendent Whitmer reports at this time 133 completed, and fifteen partial funds to be completed in due time. With a feeling of gratitude do we read that part of the report of the Bi-Synodic Board which assures us that there has been an increased favorable response on the part of the churches to the apportionment for Home Missions, the Treasurer's report showing that in every phase of Home Missionary effort there has been a favorable increase over the year 1901 as follows: in Home Missions proper of \$8,323; in Hungarian Work of \$516; in Harbor Missions of \$78; in German Work of \$558; in Church Building of \$849; a net increase of at least \$10,000. We hail with joy the fuller response of the churches to the growing needs of the day and trust that the spirit of loyalty to the work and plans of the Board will continue to grow so that the Board unhampered may enlarge their work in the near future by entering more of the many doors of opportunity that are standing so wide open before us as a Church.

From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions we learn of the flourishing condition of our work in Japan and of the firm foothold that has been gained by our Church in China. The churches in Japan report encouraging additions. The Tohoku Gakuin has been benefited by the more tolerant spirit of the Government. The thanks of the Church is due to Dr. Schneder for the excellent booklet on the Tohoku Gakuin that he has prepared for our people. It is already helping to create a deeper interest in this most important institution in our foreign work. Three missionaries are about to be sent to relieve our workers in Sendai, viz: Rev. J. M. Stick as business manager, and Rev. Herman H. Cook who represents the German portion of the Church.

We join in the regrets felt everywhere at the destruction of the Girls' School, but rejoice that new buildings, better adapted to the purpose will shortly be erected.

We learn with sincere gratitude to God that through the continued self-sacrifice of Missionary Hoy and by means of a special offering of \$4,000 on the part of the people of our churches, the China Mission has been able to secure a home of its own. We believe this to be the real beginning of a great work in a great land for our Lord and Master. With the sending out of the additional missionaries to this field: Rev. W. A. Reimert and wife, Dr. J. Albert Beam and wife, the Misses Christine Reifsneider and S. Emma Ziemer, may our interest in this field be enlarged and deepened.

It is gratifying to note that the offerings for the cause of Foreign Missions have been growing steadily, the receipts for last year being over \$47,000. May the spirit of liberality for this worthy cause continue.

With feelings of great sadness do we learn of the bereavement that has fallen upon Brother Hoy and his family in the death of their boy David Schneder Hoy. Our prayer is that the God of all comfort may give grace to this stricken family that the name of the Lord may be glorified in this sad affliction.

May the work of these fields, with all their tidings of joy and sorrow, gain and loss, stir in the Church a renewed consecration and a more earnest spirit of self-sacrifice for the blessed work of these respective fields.

Now, from the matter presented by the reports and overtures, your committee recommends to your reverend Synod the following for your earnest consideration, discussion and adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod give expression of gratitude to Almighty God for His continued favor and blessing upon the work of missions, Home and Foreign, during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod again pledge its loyal support to this glorious cause of the Lord, and its appreciation of the fact that the work of Missions is the most far-reaching and therefore most vital of all departments of our Church work; that we therefore earnestly urge our Classes, congregations and people individually to a prayerful consecration to and liberal support of this work.

3. *Resolved*, That Classes be requested to have the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions raised in full, and that it is the sense of the Synod that this be done before extra work be attempted.

4. *Resolved*, That the plan of the Board in regard to the six cents per member for Church Building be recommended to Classes and congregations.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices in the noble work that is being done by the Church Building Funds, and in the example set by all those individuals and organizations who

have founded them; also that the pastors be requested to keep the \$500 Building Funds before their people so that additional funds may be obtained.

6. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Bi-Synodic Board be called to the fact that only the most important and hopeful points where missions may be founded ought to be recommended from time to time to the General Board.

7. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve the suggestion of the General Board recommending that wherever possible old missions be consolidated with adjacent charges.

8. *Resolved*, That this Synod suggest to those Classes and congregations who have not already set apart a day for Sunday-school offerings in behalf of Home Missions, that the second Sunday in November be set apart for that purpose.

9. *Resolved*, That we hereby encourage the various Classical Missionary Societies within the bounds of this Synod, that we commend the efforts which they are making for the advancement of the cause of Missions, and that we hereby give our consent to their organizing a Synodical Missionary Society.

10. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices in the vigorous interest felt and manifested throughout the Church in the work of Foreign Missions and in the prosperity that has attended our work in the Foreign field.

11. *Resolved*, That this Synod express its sense of deep appreciation of the faithful labors of our missionaries, and pledge anew its prayers and liberality to the work in Japan and China.

12. *Resolved*, That this Synod recognize the urgent need of increased contributions to the work of Foreign Missions in view of the destruction of the Girls' School and the consequent erection of larger and more suitable buildings.

13. *Resolved*, That this Synod accept fully and willingly the apportionment handed down to it by the higher judicatory and apportions the same upon the several Classes; \$12,450 for Home Missions; \$193 for Harbor Missions; \$1,448 for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions; \$930 for work among Germans; \$7,240 for Foreign Missions.

14. *Resolved*, That this Synod express its deep sympathy at the affliction of Brother Hoy and his family in the loss of their boy, and prays that God in His mercy may sustain and comfort them in this hour of their sorrow, and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate this directly to Brother Hoy.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. J. KLEIN, *Chairman*.

Grace Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

In response to the communication from the Building Committee of Grace Memorial church, the following action was taken:

July 8.	Paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treas., on account of Catawba College	\$ 206 99
July 15.	Paid John B. Roth, Treas., on account of Theological Seminary	401 66
July 26.	Paid Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier expenses at meeting of Board of Education	16 66
July 26.	Paid taxes on mortgage to Treas. Fred'k Co., Md. . .	8 40
Oct. 10.	Paid T. J. Barkley expenses at meeting of Board of Trustees	1 00
Oct. 11.	Paid J. A. Foil, Treas. for Catawba College.....	76 97
Oct. 11.	Paid John B. Roth, Treas. for Theological Seminary,	85 75
Oct. 11.	Paid Geo. N. Forney, Treas., salary to Jan. 1, 1903..	100 00
Oct. 14.	Balance on hand.....	154 16
		<u>\$1,771 '90</u>

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report the following:

1. The report of the Treasurer of Synod with the accompanying vouchers has been examined and found correct.

2. The following amounts have been referred to us for apportionment: Home Missions, \$12,450; Foreign Missions \$7,240; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$1,448; Work among the Germans, \$930; Harbor Missions, \$193; General Synod Contingent Fund, \$482; Potomac Synod Contingent Fund, \$600; Theological Seminary, \$600; Beneficiary Education, \$2,000; Catawba College, \$900.

In accordance with these amounts we would recommend the following apportionment:

CLASSES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among the Germans.	Harbor Missions.	Theological Seminary.	General Synod Contingent.	Potomac Synod Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Catawba College.	Total.
Maryland	3,500	2,000	332	260	40	152	121	140	435	195	7,175
Gettysburg	1,900	1,100	212	155	31	87	69	85	370	145	3,164
Juniata	2,000	1,130	220	155	31	100	81	95	370	145	4,327
Zion's	1,425	910	183	135	30	75	61	75	216	120	3,230
Mercersburg	1,300	700	170	105	24	56	45	65	216	85	2,766
Carlisle	925	500	112	48	12	40	30	50	140	60	1,917
Virginia	700	400	102	35	11	40	35	45	111	60	1,539
North Carolina..	700	500	117	37	14	50	40	45	142	90	1,735
	12,450	7,240	1,448	930	193	600	482	600	2,000	900	26,353

FRED C. SEITZ,
JEREMIAH V. FICKES, S. S. MILLER.

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod—Zion's Classis, \$80.58; Carlisle Classis, \$30.19.

Contingent Fund of General Synod—Carlisle Classis \$35.82.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Trustees of Synod respectfully offers the following report, to wit:

The Board met for organization in Hanover, Pa., January 2d, 1902, at 11 o'clock A. M. A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to organize with the following result, to wit: President, Elder Jacob H. Schriver, Hanover, Pa.; Secretary and Vice-President, Rev. T. J. Barkley, Gettysburg, Pa. Elder Jacob D. Zehring, elected Treasurer at the last annual meeting of Synod, having declined to accept the office, Elder Geo. N. Forney, of Hanover, Pa., was elected to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of Synod, and required to furnish the necessary bond.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Hanover, Pa., October 10th, 1902, at 11 o'clock A. M. The following members were present: Jacob H. Schriver, Jacob N. Slagle and Rev. T. J. Barkley. A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact the business claiming its attention, as follows, to wit:

Treasurer Geo. N. Forney reported that the bond required of him had been given, and that his security is the Fidelity Trust and Deposit Company of Maryland, the premium paid for the same being \$25. The bond was approved and ordered to be held by the President of the Board.

The Board examined the securities of the Seminary Endowment Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and found bonds, notes and mortgages at their par value amounting to \$33,008.13, safely invested and bearing a good rate of interest.

The Seminary Fellowship Fund in the hand of the Treasurer, safely invested, with accrued interest, amounts to \$1,781.49.

The term of service of Elder Jacob H. Schriver will expire January 1st, 1903. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Synod to elect his successor at this meeting. The Board respectfully submits the name of Elder Geo. N. Forney for election to fill the vacancy, and for Treasurer of Synod.

By order of the Board,

JACOB H. SCHRIVER, *President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY *Secretary.*

GETTYSBURG, PA. Oct. 11th, 1902.

given to Home Missions; the offerings on Christmas to the Orphans' Homes of the Church; and that the offerings on the second Sunday in February be devoted to Foreign Missions.

Sixth, That in order to co-operate more effectively with the Sunday-school work of the Classes and General Synod, we elect a Synodical Sunday-school Board which shall be constituted of five members who shall be elected at this meeting of Synod, one for five years, one for four, one for three, one for two years, and one for one year, and election to be held for one member at each annual meeting.

Seventh, That we reiterate the action taken at the last meeting of Synod that the Classes see to it that normal classes and Home Departments be organized wherever it is found practicable.

B. F. BAUSMAN,
T. K. CROMER, D. R. LONGENECKER,
C. CLEVER, E. S. EVERHART.

CLASSES.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Total.	Average Attendance.	Reformed Member in Union S. S.	Church Members in the S. S.	Baptized Scholars.	Scholars rec'd dur yr into full mem.	Number S. S. Papers Taken.	Number Books in Library.	Paid to General Board.	Paid to Other Boards.	To Other subjects.	By the School.
Maryland ...	34	1217	5551	9708	4324	..	1036	3133	223	1646	6246	\$331	\$1442	\$952	\$1128
Virginia ..	26	129	1808	2107	906	57	411	235	44	401	1207	58	58	148	637
N. Carolina ..	32	377	3247	3639	1634	292	1101	1143	104	404	704	107	85	538	754
Mercersburg ..	32	389	2828	3217	.....	95	616	640	110	606	2426	40	473	68	1876
Zion's ..	35	663	5112	6015	.....	765	710	503	149	280	3841	200	287	216	3006
Gettysburg ..	36	488	3400	3819	2101	641	1380	2787	130	281	3523	24	400	31	1067
Carlisle	20	340	2860	3000	1782	145	1285	707	71	713	1657	40	321	325	1324
Juniata ..	48	703	4681	5313	3329	255	2005	2285	202	2278	2023	260	250	410	1832
Total	263	4506	32407	37108	.....	.....	9342	11525	1093	6600	24670	\$1167	\$3382	\$2606	\$1458

At an election held for the purpose Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, C. A. Santee, H. H. Apple, S. H. Stein and P. A. DeLong were elected members of the newly established Sunday-school Board.

Members of Sunday-school Board and Terms of Service: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, five years; C. A. Santee, four years; H. H. Apple, three years; S. H. Stein, two years; P. A. DeLong, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following standing rules were moved and adopted: .

1. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to make a list of items referred to the several Classes of Synod and send it to the several Stated Clerks of Classes before the annual meetings of the Classes.

2. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks of Classes be required to make an abstract of the minutes of Classes relative to matters to come before Synod and send the same along with the copy of minutes of Classes for the use of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That Stated Clerks of Classes are hereby instructed to report all persons ordained during the Synodical year, and, in order that this may be done, the several Classes are requested to instruct the chairmen of Committees on Ordination to report to the Stated Clerks of the Classes all ordinations so soon as they are performed.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 14 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$176.30.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Eastern the Pittsburgh and the Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication hereby submits to your reverend body its annual report. The business year of the Board runs from July to July. From the financial statement of the manager, which is embodied in this report, it will be seen that the business carried on falls into three departments, namely: Book, Messenger, and Review Department.

There has been an increase in the business of the Book Department of more than \$5,000 during the past year and the net gain in this branch was \$1,612.06. In the Messenger account there was a loss of \$759.96. This deficit is accounted for by a number of facts: First, the Messenger was enlarged and improved at some expense; second, the subscription price of the paper was on the first of April last reduced to \$1.25 per annum cash in advance, and thirdly, our contract with the Religious Press Association as our advertising agency was at our

solicitation discontinued November 1, 1901, and the matter of securing advertisements placed in the hands of our manager; and the disturbance in this branch of business caused in making this change increased the expenses somewhat and curtailed the income considerably for the year, because under the contract with the association advertising in force had to be carried to completion at a nominal rate. The prospects, however for a largely increased revenue from advertisers are now very promising. The Review has again paid for itself, with \$6.75 to its credit. The net capital is considerably larger this year than that reported last year. This is explained by the fact that \$4,500 were transferred from the treasury to the working capital of the concern. The net gain of the entire business is \$848.68, which, though less than last year's gain is nevertheless encouraging, when the increased expenses and the reduction of the subscription price of the Messenger are taken into consideration.

The report of the treasurer, which is also added to this report calls for but little explanation. The total amount of money in his care is \$5,126.59, of which \$4,000 are invested, and the balance in hand is \$1,126.59. The only difference between this report and that of last year is that the \$3,500 accounted for last year as a loan to the Board is this year dropped from the treasurer's account and included in the working capital of the business, as above noted.

The most important step taken by the Board during the past year was the reduction of the price of the Messenger to \$1.25 per annum. This action was not taken without due consideration and investigation, and then with considerable hesitancy on the part of the Board. But the Manager, the Editor and the majority of the members of the Board felt that the general condition of affairs demanded that this step be taken. The president of the Board, however, felt constrained to vote against the proposition. The results of the action will depend largely upon the Synods whom we represent, and whom we are trying to serve. If pastors and people will now interest themselves in largely increasing the subscription list the results will justify the step taken. The Board feels that it has the right to expect the hearty co-operation of ministers and elders in this matter, as the request had been made at different times from various sections of the Church for a reduction of the price of the family paper. We trust the Synods will approve our course and aid us in carrying the matter to a successful issue. We ask that an effort be made by pastors and consistories to place the Messenger in every family of the Church. With the short experience we have had with the reduced price the outlook is encouraging. The Manager in his report to the Board at its meeting on the third of September last, after giving a detailed statement of last year's business, says:

"We believe that this showing will meet with your commendation as we take it to be the sentiment of the Publication Board that the business do not accumulate a large fund of profits earned but that it pay its own way and beyond that serve the purpose for which it was constituted by the Church by furnishing the best supplies at a minimum cost. The outlook for the coming year is very promising in increased usefulness and possibility of rendering more service. With the growing circulation of the Messenger the Book department is afforded the means of reaching more of the people of the Church. The prestige and reputation that are being established are turning more business in our direction."

And he concludes his report as follows: "We are still of the opinion that the reduction in price (of the Messenger) was wise and that the future will demonstrate this. The prospects of increased revenue from the advertising are very good, and with the first of November the increase in revenue will be marked. We think it reasonable to expect that in the course of a year our income will be double the amount that was formerly paid us by the Religious Press Association, besides the advantage we have secured in being able to improve the quality of the advertising. Your manager takes much encouragement from the growth of the business in its several departments during the past years and from the bright prospects for the future."

The Board shares in the hopes and expectations expressed by the Manager.

Rev. Alexander Kalassay appeared before the Board at its last meeting and made a request for the loan of five hundred dollars (\$500) to aid in the publication of the "Hungarian American Reformed Sentinel," he agreeing to repay the same in annual payments of one hundred dollars each. This matter is by resolution of the Board referred to the Synods for their consideration and action.

The following is the statement of Francis E. Heller, the business manager for the Board:

STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES, JULY 1, 1902.
RESOURCES.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 1,162 81
Merchandise, Book Department	11,633 55
Merchandise, Messenger Department.....	803 70
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,306 80
Accounts Receivable, Advertising.....	603 57
Accounts Receivable, Book Department.....	1,760 24
Subscriptions due Messenger.....	6,128 30
Subscriptions due Review.....	265 50
Cash advanced solicitors.....	270 59
Rent paid in advance.....	233 33
	<hr/> \$24,168 47

LIABILITIES.

Messenger subscriptions paid in advance.....	\$ 4,212 40	
Review subscriptions paid in advance.....	267 00	
		<u>4,479 40</u>
Net Capital		\$19,689 07

LOSSES AND GAINS JULY 1, 1901, TO JULY 1, 1902.

	BOOK DEPARTMENT.	LOSSES.	GAINS.
Inventory July 1, 1902....	\$11,633 55		
Credits	18,645 11		
	<u>\$30,278 66</u>		
Inventory July 1, 1901....	\$ 7,436 10		
Debits	21,230 50		
	<u>28,666 60</u>		
			\$1,612 06
	MESSENGER.		
Inventory July 1, 1901....	\$ 210 54		
Debits	22,196 32		
	<u>\$22,406 86</u>		
Inventory July 1, 1902....	\$ 803 78		
Credits	20,843 12		
	<u>\$21,646 90</u>		
		\$759 96	
	REVIEW.		
Credits	\$1,254 09		
Debits	1,247 34		
	<u>\$6 75</u>		
	FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.		
Inventory July 1, 1901....	\$ 872 90		
Debits	494 07		
	<u>\$1,366 97</u>		
Inventory July 1, 1902....	\$ 1,306 80		
Credits	50 00		
	<u>1,356 80</u>		
		10 17	
Net gain July 1, 1901, to July 1, 1902.....		<u>848 68</u>	
			\$1,618 81
			\$1,618 81

We the undersigned committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Manager, respectfully report that your committee met on Tuesday, August 26th, 1902, at the Publication Rooms, 1306 Arch St., Philadelphia, and examined the books and papers relating to the business and the stock on hand in the Book Department as well as the Furniture and Fixtures, and that we find the foregoing statement correct, subject to such changes as have naturally taken place in the usual course of business since July 1st, 1902.

JOHN W. BICKEL,
H. M. HOUSEKEEPER,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER JAMES T. REBER.

1901.	DR.	
Sept. 4.	To cash in hand.....	\$ 24 94
Nov. 7.	Proceeds of R. & C. Railroad Bond.....	1,000 00
	Interest on same.....	20 80
Oct. 1.	Bonus, Sunday-school Board.....	500 00
Dec. 1.	Interest on Railroad Bond.....	50 00

1902			
Jan.	6.	Interest on H. M. Bonds.....	\$ 45 00
Apr.	2.	Bonus, Sunday-school Board.....	500 00
July	7.	Interest H. M. Bonds.....	45 00
June	2.	Interest Railroad Bonds.....	50 00
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			\$2,235 74

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Sept.	4.	By expenses Board meeting.....	\$ 53 60
Oct.	14.	By printing report.....	2 60
Nov.	4.	Paid Francis E. Heller.....	450 00
Nov.	7.	Paid Francis E. Heller.....	550 00

1902			
Mch.	12.	Expenses of Board meeting.....	52 95
		Balance	1,126 59
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			\$2,235 74

1902.			
Sept.	3.	Two \$1,000 Bonds, R. & C. R. R. Co., 5 per cent....	\$2,000 00
		Two \$1,000 Loans to Board of Home Missions.....	2,000 00
		Cash in bank.....	1,126 59
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			\$5,126 59

September 3, 1902.

We, the undersigned auditors, do report that we have examined the books and papers submitted to us by the Treasurer and find the above report of the Treasurer correct, and recommend its approval by the Board.

H. M. HOUSEKEEPER,
JOHN W. BICKEL,
C. S. SLAGLE

It remains yet for us to report that the term of office of W. Rush Gillan, James T. Reber and H. M. Housekeeper expires with the close of the present year and that it is incumbent upon the Synods to which these members belong to fill the vacancies thus occasioned. Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN,

President.

Attest:

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to report the following:

Two papers were placed in the hands of your committee for consideration: The annual report of the Board of Publication; also a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod giving the action of the Synod with reference to the request of Rev. Kalassay for a loan from the Publication Board in aid of the publication of the "Hungarian American Reformed Sentinel."

It is with pleasure that your committee learns of the growing prosperity of the publication interests of the Church under the management of the Board. It is evident from their report that the Board has been judicious in planning and successful in carrying forward these plans. Owing to the reduction in the price of the Messenger, there is a shortage reported. This however, we believe will prove but a temporary shortage, and in the near future show that the action was wise and good, in the largely increased number of subscribers. The Church, as your committee judges of the management of our publication interests, has reason for sincere congratulation. Be it therefore

Resolved, That this Synod hereby express its high appreciation of the wise policy and careful management of the interests of the Church committed to her Board of Publication.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the action of the Board in placing the Messenger within the reach of all the families of the Church and in such greatly improved form as must of necessity commend it to all whose privilege it is to read it, or even to see it.

Resolved, That in this we recognize the eminent fitness of Dr. Musser as the editor of the Messenger as well as that of Mr. Heller as the business manager of our publication house.

Resolved, That as a Synod we pledge ourselves to an earnest effort to increase the list of subscribers to the Messenger and Review, as also to the business of the house. The above action is referred to the several Classes for their consideration.

Resolved, That we hereby authorize the loan of \$500 from the Publication Board in aid of the publication of the "Hungarian American Reformed Sentinel," if in the judgment of the Board it be deemed advisable, and the amount loaned be properly secured. The Stated Clerk is instructed to transmit a copy of this action to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Board of Publication and terms of service: W. Rush Gillan, for four years; Rev. C. S. Slagel, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nomina-

tions was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Saturday forenoon. At the time designated, the election was held: Revs. J. M. Mullan, A. T. Wright and Elders S. K. Clever, J. C. Knoske acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Publication, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report:

From the documents placed in our hands from the Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes and the address of the superintendent of the Bethany Home we learn that these institutions are in a healthy condition and are increasing in efficiency.

At present there are 214 orphans cared for, while other applications for admission are pending. Of this number 23 are from the bounds of this Synod.

These Homes are doing a noble work and are well managed. They are growing and need the increased liberality of the Church, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices in the growth and efficiency of these Homes.

2. *Resolved*, That to meet these growing demands, this Synod heartily commends the Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes to the earnest prayer and liberal support of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

3. *Resolved*, That the Christmas offerings be devoted to the orphans cause, and that an earnest effort be made to increase the same.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

Report of the Press Committee.

The Special Committee appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the daily and church papers presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows:

Full reports of the proceedings of Synod have been published daily in the Mechanicsburg papers, "The Journal" and "The Mechanicsburg Daily." Reports have been made also to the Philadelphia, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Carlisle and Altoona newspapers, the Associated Press and The Messenger, Record and Christian World. The following expenses have been in-

curred: For telephone service, \$1.00; postage stamps, 25 cents —\$1.25.

JAMES M. MULLAN, *Chairman*.

Rev. H. H. Apple was appointed to confer with the Associated Press and the dailies of the cities relative to the proper reporting of the proceedings of Synod next year.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statements were presented to Synod by the Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows. It was referred to a special committee, Revs. A. T. Wright, J. D. Miller, W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., and Elders J. E. Spangler and J. P. Cuppet, who presented the following report which was adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, beg leave to report the following:

It is with pleasure that this Synod learns of the steady growth and prosperity of this Society. Therefore, resolved,

1st. That this Synod expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for His rich favor bestowed upon this Society during the past year.

2d. Since the number of dependents increases year by year, we would again commend this worthy cause to our Synod and through it to our various Classes and urge that this cause be presented to the people at least once a year and that they be urged to a larger liberality in behalf of this worthy cause.

Respectfully,

A. T. WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As the treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending October 4, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$176 76
Gottysburg Classis	149 27
Juniata Classis	124 97
Virginia Classis	65 00
Carlisle Classis	27 50
Zion's Classis	26 81
Mercersburg Classis	15 00
North Carolina Classis	7 40

\$592 71

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to eight annuitants.....	\$450 00
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Attention is called to the worthy cause the society is engaged in, and the growing number of ministers and widows of ministers calling for financial aid.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

FREDERICK, MD., Oct. 7th, 1902.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the Minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year ending October 4th, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury October 4th, 1901.....	\$6,206 00
“ loans paid	7,950 00
“ from interest on investments.....	2,181 29
“ from collections in the churches	1,879 74
“ from royalty on Church Hymnal.....	1,720 50
“ from individual gifts.....	833 41
“ from Pittsburgh Synod (special).....	300 00
“ from Sunday-school Hymnal.....	180 00
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	\$21,250 94

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for new investment	\$ 3,709 85
“ re-investment	7,950 00
“ to fifty-seven annuitants	3,517 75
“ to Treasurer (salary)	600 00
“ for traveling expenses	85 70
“ for postage and stationery	16 74
“ for miscellaneous expenses	28 70
Cash in treasury October 4th, 1902.....	4,928 25
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	\$21,250 94

ASSETS.

Invested fund	\$50,604 85
Cash in treasury	4,928 25
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	\$55,533 10

The following ministers have become members during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. John H. Beck, Jacob J. von Greuning, J. H. C. Roentgen, D.D., Carl H. Gundlach, Jacob B. Braun, I. Calvin Fisher, Eli Keller, D.D., Wm. D. Stoyer, Henry K. Miller, Wm. S. Fisher, Robert J. Pilgram, Charles W. E. Siegel, Theo. G. DeLyre, Abraham Bolliger, Irwin W. Hendricks, Calvin P. Wehr, Wilson D. Donat, Robert C. Weaver, Wallace H. Wotring, B.D., Daniel M. Wolf, D.D., Albert E. Truxal, D.D., George B. Walbert, Wm. H. Hoch,

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., on Wednesday evening, October 21st, 1903, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body. The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 20, 1902, at 10 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, singing in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

J. M. SCHICK *President*,
E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ZION'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSERS.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.	Commenced.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Removal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Civil.	Deaths, Uncl.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.
Aaron Spangler.	Trinity.	5	322	284	178	31	6	2	9	1	7	5	143	330	..	\$121 79	\$578 00	20	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Aaron H. Leiss.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hunt, Berks Co., Pa.
Francis C. Yost, D.D.	Heddenburg, York.	1	550	400	210	20	20	99	5	6	5	1	33	483	..	406 38	11743 00	12	116 N. Beaver St., York, Pa.
George B. Sorber.	Rothsay, York.	1	110	80	12	6	14	22	..	..	..	1	20	133	..	30 00	918 00	8	714 W. Klugh St., York, Pa.
George Stibitz, 1 st D.	Zion s, York	1	420	328	200	28	1	11	10	7	9	4	50	449	..	175 00	2390 00	12	411 W. Phila St., York, Pa.
Oliver P. Schellhammer.	Paradise.	5	989	909	655	62	2	72	9	21	17	20	52	1009	1	455 00	1827 00	40	413 W. Phila St., York, Pa.
Raymond E. Butz, M.D.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	York, Pa.
Henry H. Apple.	Trinity First Ref	1	544	410	220	11	1	0	18	5	..	..	40	300	..	2307 21	2753 00	16	1198. Duke St., York, Pa.
Charles P. Kehl.	Dillsburg	4	258	116	103	1	3	0	2	..	..	..	28	375	..	30 00	1308 00	22	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
William A. Korn, Ph D	Kreutz Creek	3	303	263	111	11	3	11	19	2	4	4	76	450	..	306 68	3621 00	24	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Hiram J. Hillegass.	Shrewsbury	4	420	369	301	18	..	17	10	1	10	5	..	253	..	314 47	735 00	21	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
H. M. J. Klein	Grace York	1	310	280	300	14	2	21	15	5	6	3	34	453	..	1138 00	3805 00	9	223 N. Hartley St., York, Pa.
William E. Bushong*	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
E. Bruce Lytle.	Mein flat, York	1	165	118	77	10	4	12	6	..	14	9	25	267	..	171 97	1808 00	10	117 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Israel S. Leiby.	Glen Rock.	3	474	358	227	23	1	33	28	8	2	5	26	364	..	328 00	949 00	20	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
J. Kern McKee.	St John s	2	108	103	107	18	6	13	20	2	1	5	48	250	1	89 08	752 00	10	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Chas. B. Heinly.	Dallastown	3	105	140	112	6	1	7	..	1	1	3	44	163	..	95 82	477 00	10	Dallastown, York Co., Pa.
W. A. Korn, Ph.D., supply	Locust Grove	1	20	24	3	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	19	108	..	25 11	72 00	4	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
J. Kern McKee, supply.	Lebanon Cong	1	15	12	8	1	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3 81	23 00	4	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
17.	16.	37	5277	4208	2945	278	28	255	209	88	58	86	623	5417	2	\$3063 77	\$34545 00	241	

*Dismissed to Classis of Gettysburg.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSERS.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resign. of Name.	Deaths, Com. Co.	Deaths, Unrec'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		Minutes Wanted.	
Joe. W. Santos, D.D.	Without charge.	560	496	350	28	6	11	3	14	1	15	10	1	91	430	8,005 00	4,905 00	Mercersburg, Pa. 1008 St. Paul St., Baltimore	
George L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	516	432	147	21	6	15	16	10	1	10	1	1	1	45	301	738 00	2,484 00	Frederick, Md.
Ed. B. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangelical Ref.	530	500	433	27	8	8	6	1	1	4	2	1	38	203	3,983 00	3,983 00	Hagerstown, Md. 822 N Calvert St., Baltimore.	
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion	189	149	94	13	1	6	2	3	4	4	1	2	20	183	167 00	525 00	Mt. Pleasant, Md.	
Joel T. Roessler, D.D.	First, Baltimore.	313	284	97	11	1	9	1	7	4	4	1	1	53	224	539 00	2,900 00	Mt. Pleasant, Md. 510 W Mulberry St., Balto.	
Mr. Franklin Hoffmeyer	Mt. Pleasant	430	234	246	30	1	12	1	7	5	5	1	3	63	336	232 00	751 00	Frederick, Md.	
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third, Baltimore	183	134	141	16	1	3	3	6	4	3	3	1	16	217	219 00	1,128 00	Frederick, Md. 1701 Lacoock St., Alleghany, Pa.	
Stilas M. Hensch	Union	228	230	65	4	5	11	6	6	3	6	1	2	40	211	239 00	810 00	Bayview, Baltimore, Md. 842 3d Av., Woodberry, Balto.	
Jacob B. Kerschner	Without charge.	146	110	67	7	1	11	9	9	1	1	1	1	13	97	186 00	1,000 00	Keedysville, Md.	
Louis F. Zinkhan	Supr. Bayview Asyl.	376	307	177	7	8	17	15	6	10	5	1	2	42	221	326 00	3,032 00	Westminster, Md. Hagerstown, Md.	
E. Bauman Destrict, B.D.	Trinity, Baltimore	310	278	275	8	1	24	20	4	10	1	7	1	35	600	235 00	1,705 00	1308 Patt. Park Av., Balto.	
Barton B. Carnahan	Mt. Vernon	439	244	425	12	1	9	2	4	18	8	4	4	59	580	152 00	2,247 00	Thurmont, Md.	
Calvin S. Slagle	St. Paul's	213	180	100	7	1	7	1	7	1	1	1	2	31	190	350 00	900 00	Jefferson, Md.	
George A. Snyder	Christ, Hagerstown.	111	84	84	6	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	19	126	175 00	769 00	Bonsboro, Md.	
Adam S. Weber, D.D.	First, Baltimore	206	222	95	13	3	7	2	8	1	5	1	3	31	120	186 00	540 00	306 E. 23d St., Baltimore.	
George A. Whitmore	Thurmont	264	204	120	15	1	3	12	5	1	2	3	3	49	192	374 00	1,159 00	Union Bridge, Md.	
Harry F. Dittmar	Jefferson	498	442	453	22	1	24	20	4	6	12	10	1	35	403	654 00	3,552 00	Adamstown, Md.	
George W. Snyder	Without charge	567	408	244	18	1	5	8	7	1	10	4	3	73	444	800 00	1,200 00	Frederick, Md. 1814 W. Mulberry St., Balto.	
Charles W. Levan	St. Stephen's, Balto.	320	280	190	15	4	10	9	5	1	5	2	1	20	153	308 00	1,420 00	Manchester, Md.	
Hiram J. Macallister	Union Bridge	325	207	63	10	4	29	3	1	1	4	3	3	27	325	255 00	2,800 00	Taneytown, Md.	
Atvill Conner	Manor	148	135	45	6	5	9	1	1	4	2	2	1	10	35	60 00	600 00	Frederick, Md.	
Isaac M. Motter	Without charge	533	400	302	16	1	18	6	8	4	6	1	1	10	471	1092 00	1,454 00	Sendal, Japan	
Lloyd E. Coblenz	St. Paul's, (Eng.) Bal	227	183	160	21	1	19	17	12	1	3	2	1	28	338	105 00	7020 00	Cleaspring, Md.	
Samuel M. Roeder	Manchester	220	192	153	7	2	6	18	9	9	4	6	3	41	193	250 00	746 00	Cumberland, Md.	
Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.	Taneytown	325	207	63	10	4	29	3	1	1	4	3	3	27	325	255 00	2,800 00	Emmittsburg, Md.	
Simon S. Miller	Treas. Relief Soc'y	148	135	45	6	5	9	1	1	4	2	2	1	10	35	60 00	600 00	Middletown, Md.	
Christopher Noss	Foreign Missionary	533	400	302	16	1	18	6	8	4	6	1	1	69	471	1092 00	1,454 00	Frederick, Md.	
Fred. W. Bald	Cleaspring	227	183	160	21	1	19	17	12	1	3	2	1	28	338	105 00	7020 00	Walkeville, Md.	
Geo. M. de F. Zacharias	Without charge.	220	192	153	7	2	6	18	9	9	4	6	3	41	193	250 00	746 00	Ridgely Md.	
Wm. C. B. Schulenberg	Emmittsburg	325	207	63	10	4	29	3	1	1	4	3	3	27	325	255 00	2,800 00		
John W. Pontius	Christ, Middletown.	148	135	45	6	5	9	1	1	4	2	2	1	10	35	60 00	600 00		
Eugene L. McLean	Grace, Frederick	227	183	160	21	1	19	17	12	1	3	2	1	28	338	105 00	7020 00		
David J. Wolf	Glade	220	192	153	7	2	6	18	9	9	4	6	3	41	193	250 00	746 00		

Robert J. Pflaum	Grace, Baltimore	1	160	123	123	123	14	10	15	6	4	3	1	18	230	61 00	909 00	10	1318 Light St., Baltimore.
Wm. E. Fisher	Burkittsville	3	153	107	78	1	1	2	4	1	3	2	2	19	110	03 00	557 00	...	Burkittsville, Md.
Quinn E. Foster	Christ, Baltimore	2	213	153	139	7	1	2	4	7	8	1	1	26	210	257 00	1440 00	10	2118 Druid Hill Av., Balto.
J. Philip Harner	Cavetown	3	300	233	260	7	2	13	1	0	...	4	0	48	230	146 00	803 00	...	Cavetown, Md.
Vacant	Babillsville	3	85	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	30	70	...	...	...	Babillsville, Md.
Manuel T. Wagner	Boonsboro	2	116	66	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	...	34	86	64 00	480 00	...	Boonsboro, Md.
T. F. Hoffmeister, supply	Braddock	1	50	35	32	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	15 00	300 00	...	Frederick, Md.
T. F. Hoffmeister, supply	Rocky Hill	1	13	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Middletown, Pa.
Lie. Joseph B. Apple	Pres. Woman's Coll.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lie. William H. Warner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Min., 44; Lic., 2	35	60	10407	8187	0081	468	62	870	381	178	54	139	81	61	1217	8545	7	\$11223 00	\$57153 00

*Recently taken charge.

*Deceased November 1, 1902.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Rescued of Name	Deaths, Com'is.	Deaths, Unrec'd.		Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purpose.	Minutes Wanted.
W. C. Gremer, D.D., supply	M. of Alto	1	47	2	1	7	2	2	1	10	125	..	\$56 00	\$100 00	Chambersburg, Pa.	
Franklin F. Babner, D.D.	Waynesboro	2	450	8	4	18	18	6	8	53	365	..	788 00	1850 00	Waynesboro, Pa.	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Greenville, Pa.
G. E. Russell, D.D., L.L.D.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Zullinger, Pa.
Jonas B. Shontz	2d Ch., Chambersburg	1	325	10	6	19	10	14	1	31	263	..	345 00	2045 00	15 Chambersburg, Pa.	
Wm. O. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Ch., Chambersburg	1	388	11	1	10	18	7	1	28	244	..	1278 00	1890 00	45 Chambersburg, Pa.	
Harry N. Beeler	St Thomas	4	325	60	7	12	12	2	15	54	215	1	151 00	1275 00	32 St Thomas, Pa.	
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle	1	320	9	1	10	11	7	7	19	200	1	525 00	1465 00	55 Greencastle, Pa.	
Charles A. Bantee	Mercersburg	2	284	4	2	18	7	8	20	24	151	1	425 00	920 00	35 Mercersburg, Pa.	
Charles M. Smith	McConnellsburg	3	187	105	4	12	3	1	..	12	75	..	109 00	393 00	14 McConnellsburg, Pa.	
Edward O. Keen	St Paul's, Way'boro	2	273	130	2	5	6	10	1	41	186	..	432 00	7550 00	35 Waynesboro, Pa.	
Christian Gumbert	Leaden	3	238	95	2	23	8	10	8	41	235	2	112 00	742 00	Fort London, Pa.	
Cy. E. Diefenbacher, D.D.	Shippensburg	1	286	100	5	7	1	6	3	26	204	..	587 00	1690 00	Shippensburg, Pa.	
Gideon P. Fliser	Grindstone Hill	2	301	145	7	4	4	16	67	31	262	..	326 00	1334 00	Marion, Pa.	
Supplied by Committee	Middleburg	1	69	30	1	2	..	1	1	18	130	1	65 00	2875 00	State Line, Pa.	
Lie. Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Pres. Merc'g Acad	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mercersburg, Pa.
Lie. Geo. Lesalle (on wake, Lie.)	Pres. Ursinus Coll.	Collegeville, Pa.	
Min., 14; Lic., 2	13.	124	3492	2087	1338	78	51	142	95	80	388	2945	9	\$5196 00	\$22269 00	..
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VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSERS.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Congregations	Communicants	Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Deaths, Com'ns.	Deaths, Unrec'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Missions.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted			
J. A. Hoffelms, D.D.	Christ	1	828	238	196	4	2	21	3	6		5	1	35	183		\$632 00	\$5392 00	...	Martinsburg, W. Va.		
J. W. Ranch	Walling Waters.	1	12	12	8	2	1	3					1	4	20		12 30	53 17	6	Martinsburg, W. Va.		
George G. Everhart	St. Stephen	1	12	11	4				4	1			1	6	25		15 00	187 00	6	Martinsburg, Va.		
Josiah May	Without charge.																			Bayard, Va.		
Samuel A. Hittner	Without charge.																			Edinburg, Va.		
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	240	225	100	2	4	15	4	3		6	1	26	100		862 00	775 00		Woodstock, Va.		
H. Dittler	Mill Creek	4	105	175	120	4		20		1		4	2	24	173		98 00	625 00	12	Mt. Jackson, Va.		
J. Silor Garrison	Massanutten Acad																			Woodstock, Va.		
Lewis T. Lampe	St. James.	1	122	98	82	6		1	2	2			3	6	64		140 00	6375 00		Lovettsville, Va.		
B. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	2	200	168	77	9	2	1	1	4		1	2	26	160		148 00	967 00	15	Arbor Hill, Va.		
Ellis Hay	St Paul's.	1	54	40	26	7	8	4	5	5		1	1	11	54		40 00	325 00	6	21 9th Av., Rosnoke, Va.		
Henry W. Wisler	Mt Crawford	3	199	180	45	8			2	2		1	3	46	154		283 00	685 00	12	Mt Crawford, Va.		
A. Theo. Wright	Rockingham	3	333	222	147	11	12	24	9	12		6	4	32	217	1	600 82	1201 00	16	Mt. Crawford, Va.		
A. Shulenberger	Edinburg	3	145	137	69	8	8	4	2	3		6	2	21	125		68 00	1100 00	14	Edinburg, Va.		
M. A. Kieffer	Timberville	3	244	223	100	18	16	17	18	1		4	1	16	120		144 00	518 00	7	Timberville, Va.		
T. K. Cromer	Winchester	2	112	81	84	8	1	1	18			2	2	23	80		89 00	616 00	13	Winchester, Va.		
L. T. Lampe, supply	Christ, Wiehla.	1	9	7	6								1	12	65		2 00	100 00	4	Lovettsville, Va.		
T. K. Cromer	Smithfield	1	9	8	1							7					3 00	8 50	3	Winchester, Va.		
Charles A. Busbong	Without charge.																			Tom's Brook, Va.		
A. H. Smith	Harrisville	2	224	188	78							3	2	27	203		161 00	163 25	15	Shepherdstown, Va.		
Joseph E. Guy	Shepherdstown	2	120	110	65	10	1	3	2	5		3	2	16	115		100 00	500 00	12	Shepherdstown, Va.		
20.	15.	33	2558	2123	1207	87	45	114	62	46	46	46	83	328	1908	1	\$2708 22	\$12208 92	141			

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.								
		Congregational.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Deaths, Com'ns.	Deaths, Unrec'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purpose.	Minutes Wanted				
John Ingle.....	Without charge	5	249	147	163	8	4	1	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	Green Park, N. C.					
Michael L. Hedrick.....	Without charge	3	204	123	16	1	20	6	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Silver Hill, N. C.					
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.....	Without charge	1	70	50	27	0	14	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Newton, N. C.					
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.....	Without charge	4	200	184	218	23	7	7	2	1	2	1	4	35	384	144	0	Newton, N. C.					
John A. Foll, Ph.D.....	Without charge	3	143	110	43	10	23	6	3	3	3	1	3	15	385	60	0	Newton, N. C.					
Paul Barringer.....	Lower Davidson	5	249	147	163	8	4	1	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.					
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory	3	204	123	16	1	20	6	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Hickory, N. C.					
Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.....	Lexington Mission	1	70	50	27	0	14	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lexington, N. C.					
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	Central Rowan	4	200	184	218	23	7	7	2	1	2	1	4	35	384	144	0	Crescent, N. C.					
James D. Andrew.....	Burlington	3	143	110	43	10	23	6	3	3	3	1	3	15	385	60	0	Burlington, N. C.					
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without charge	4	467	322	195	6	16	27	3	17	1	7	4	32	472	1	0	Hickory, N. C.					
H. A. M. Holabrouser.....	Upper Davidson	1	84	65	32	7	10	9	1	1	1	1	1	16	86	75	0	Lexington, N. C.					
William H. McNairy.....	Concord	3	330	317	250	21	4	9	22	1	2	5	3	43	382	284	0	Concord, N. C.					
Clarence Clapp.....	Without charge	2	318	264	102	2	5	5	11	4	10	1	3	21	230	120	0	Newton, N. C.					
Charles H. Bledsoe.....	East Rowan	4	130	103	80	9	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	8	54	80	0	Rockwell, N. C.					
Henry E. Seebler.....	Without charge	2	210	180	113	16	5	34	15	5	6	1	1	27	205	125	0	China Grove, N. C.					
Vacant.....	Gallford	2	273	180	177	18	1	8	7	12	3	5	2	23	174	138	0	China Grove, N. C.					
Joshua L. Bowers.....	Catawba	4	38	22	26	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	8	45	31	0	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.					
John H. Keller.....	New Gilead	1	165	98	63	6	13	12	1	1	4	2	1	17	70	123	0	Salisbury, N. C.					
Wm. B. Dutters, Ph.D.....	Salisbury Mission	1	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Newton, N. C.					
W. E. Stubblebine, Ph.D.....	Newton	1	208	135	100	4	6	9	7	2	1	1	3	22	170	58	0	Lenoir, N. C.					
J. L. Murphy, supply.....	Lenoir Mission	3	310	232	150	16	12	8	5	5	3	1	3	23	172	191	0	Thomasville, N. C.					
Walter W. Rowe.....	Thomasville	4	16	12	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Malden, N. C.					
Calvin B. Heller.....	Lincoln	1	41	30	12	7	4	6	17	1	1	1	1	11	90	6	0	Green Park, N. C.					
J. L. Murphy, supply.....	Blowing Rock Mission	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	High Point, N. C.					
J. C. Leonard, Missionary.....	High Point Mission	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	High Point, N. C.					
David H. Bowers.....	Asst. High Point	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	High Point, N. C.					
Samuel W. Beck, Lic.....	McKee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	McKee, N. C.					
Min. 23; Lic. 1		146	3558	2704	1899	174	55	200	120	78	11	100	49	16	36	843	8943	0	2308	00	\$10534	00	281

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.			
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Commenced.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-natal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Recommenced.	Deaths, Com'ta.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Pur-poses.
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge.	1	295	290	11	2	6	13	4	10	1	20	155	1	155	1	411 00	\$1135 00	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. Lancaster Sem.	1	500	457	23	1	30	10	4	11	4	40	285	4	285	1	163 00	5802 00	444 W. Jan. St., Lai
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg	4	785	475	47	1	44	5	23	7	3	55	850	3	850	1	1078 00	1200 00	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman.	West Manheim	8	370	803	22	2	20	2	9	2	3	23	200	3	200	1	269 00	747 00	Hanover, Pa.
Walter E. Krebe, D.D.	Without charge.	3	606	570	20	1	17	6	11	9	2	50	848	3	848	1	849 00	1446 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman.	Christ Church.	3	598	500	23	1	24	36	12	14	10	34	494	1	494	1	447 00	1409 00	Littlestown, Pa.
J. Marlon Mickley	Without charge.	4	286	208	75	3	5	3	7	6	4	51	851	4	851	1	82 00	644 00	Littlestown, Pa.
John F. Mackley, M.D.	Cashtown	1	452	356	165	8	9	6	6	1	2	1	25	1	25	4	1033 00	18270 00	McKnightstown, Pa.
William D. Le Fevre	Without charge.	3	785	762	508	88	26	8	9	14	9	3	73	3	73	1	518 00	1100 00	Fairfield, Pa.
Vacant.	New Oxford.	1	425	343	212	9	18	45	6	3	1	2	234	1	234	1	125 00	1040 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Maraby J. Roth.	Trinity	4	822	254	114	11	2	1	4	3	4	1	26	1	26	1	811 00	835 00	East Berlin, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler.	East Berlin	1	485	338	377	14	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	20	344 00	1010 00	Collegeville, Pa.
Wharton A. Kline.	Prof. Ursinus Coll	1	90	55	58	2	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 00	136 00	Hanover, Pa.
Frederick O. Selts.	Emmanuel	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Codorus, Pa.
Nathan W. Sechler.	Jefferson	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Spring Forge, Pa.
Albert P. Frantz.	Leachey	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Littlestown, Pa.
J. Hamilton Smith.	Littlestown	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Littlestown, Pa.
Theodore C. Hesson.	Arendtsville	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Arendtsville, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth.	Without charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Minich's, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, supply	St. Mark's.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Gettysburg, Pa.
Robert L. Bair, Lic.	Missionary to Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Hanover, Pa.
Jacob M. Stick.	12.	29	5088	5271	3710	246	18	195	144	99	97	83	28	475	8561	7	5153 00	529838 00	Glennville, Pa.
Min., 19; Lic., 1.																			

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CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Baptism.	Discontinued.	Recommunicated.	Resignation of Name.	Deaths, Comm'la.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benefactor Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		
J. David Miller	Duncannon	208	153	98	7	2	5	4	12	1	5	2	20	177	..	\$360 00	\$3850 00	25	Duncannon, Pa.	
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle	367	262	149	9	4	18	12	7	4	5	1	30	423	..	1183 00	2246 00	14	Carlisle, Pa.	
Samuel H. Stein	Mechanicsburg	245	218	75	9	1	5	12	7	10	..	4	32	202	..	400 00	1200 00	25	Mechanicsburg Pa.	
Geo. F. Dieffenderfer	Snipbar Springs	197	180	89	2	9	13	9	1	4	..	4	53	367	..	200 00	1644 00	26	Carlisle, Pa	
Edwin D. Melzell	Newport	292	210	110	4	2	4	13	6	..	..	1	28	258	..	820 00	1203 00	10	Newport, Pa.
George W. Shellenberger	Landisburg	413	285	185	8	8	17	17	12	..	3	4	68	443	..	536 00	846 00	28	Landisburg, Pa.	
Ernest E. Weaver	Newburg	130	126	61	4	2	2	4	3	2	1	1	20	200	1	185 00	590 00	25	Newburg, Pa.	
J. Thomas Fox	New Bloomfield	130	115	83	10	..	..	6	8	10	..	1	30	146	1	141 00	657 00	20	New Bloomfield, Pa.
Charles A. Waltman	Zion's	500	370	388	..	..	..	9	8	..	..	4	48	817	1	100 00	250 00	26	Blain Pa.
Solomon B. Schafer	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Martinsburg, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Philadelphia, Pa
George A. Howe	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dayton, O.
William H. Groh	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Carlisle, Pa.
14.	0	21	2002	2029	1213	63	23	64	78	57	24	27	14	20	337	2609	8	\$3415 00	\$12882 00	197

SUMMARY OF POTOMAC SYNOD.

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		
	Minist.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Pledge.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Com'rs.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's ..	1	17	37	5277	4208	2045	278	255	200	08	..	58	88	35	5417	2	\$5,864 00	\$44,545 00
Maryland. ..	1	44	65	10407	8197	8031	483	370	281	178	..	84	81	61	1217	7	11,222 00	57,153 00
Mercersburg ..	1	14	24	3402	2387	1135	78	142	95	80	..	113	11	21 1/2	388	6	5,796 00	22,250 00
Virginia.	1	20	33	2558	2123	1257	67	114	52	46	..	34	0	33	328	1	2,788 00	10,280 00
North Carolina..	1	23	46	3558	2704	1890	174	200	139	73	..	100	19	38	343	6	2,043 00	10,534 00
Guttsburg ..	1	19	29	5008	3271	1710	246	195	144	98	..	97	28	29	476	7	5,163 00	23,863 00
Carlele	1	14	21	2502	2029	1253	53	64	78	57	..	24	14	20	337	3	3,415 00	12,832 00
Juniata	1	18	53	6332	5151	2852	244	300	219	166	..	72	57	46	667	3	7,584 00	30,860 00
Total	8	189	3161	40804	32000	21265	1623	1640	1217	768	..	532	814	281 1/2	4378	35	\$48,407 00	\$217,144 00
Pittsburgh Synod ..	5	84	151	19509	15332	10146	1016	550	690	436	..	584	260	118	1746	6	\$36,749 00	\$141,573 00
Eastern Synod.....	12	319	533	30418	2401	13218	1461	4650	3132	1738	..	1901	1903	592	11172	78	\$114,071 00	\$338,890 00
Ohio Synod.....	8	148	235	28086	21001	6878	707	1150	980	686	..	676	886	100	3228	28	\$0,416 00	148,720 00
German Synod of North West.....	12	170	220	25336	13941	1266	1266	27	1042	878	..	378	315	185	1616	23	20,016 00	\$0,797 00
German Synod of East.....	5	84	57	15599	12197	10800	1728	874	708	102	..	565	826	58	1126	11	\$9,148 00	116,884 00
Central Synod.....	5	103	120	24859	17836	12623	1228	1028	780	225	..	645	812	108	1614	20	18,104 00	107,530 00
Synod of Interior.....	5	58	65	3231	2626	1353	106	181	161	80	..	100	43	61	723	4	6,195 00	\$6,631 00
	78	1115	1689	255812	198358	130173	13432	11274	8494	4890	32	5431	4158	2089	25608	200806	\$1284,166 00	\$1,396,509 00

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Its Annual Sessions Held at Salisbury, N. C.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-first and continued until the evening of the twenty-sixth of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Faith Reformed Church of Salisbury, North Carolina, on Wednesday evening, October 21st, A. D. 1903, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., from 2 Corinthians 5:18.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President formally opened Synod with prayer. The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D.,² George S. Sorber,¹ J. Kern McKee,² George Stibitz, Ph.D.,² Hiram J. Hillegas.¹

Elders.—George H. Foust,² N. H. Dietz,² Deatrick Hildebrand,¹ L. W. Feistel.²

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder,² Calvin S. Slagle,² Atvill Conner, Elmer L. Coblentz, John W. Pontius, Geo. A. Whitmore,² David J. Wolf, Hiram J. Macalister,² Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., Robert J. Pilgram, E. Ranson Deatricks, B.D., Will S. Fisher, J. Stewart Hartman,² Geo. A. Snyder.

Elders.—Cephas M. Thomas, Ephraim Cornman, John Gassman, Calvin A. Thomas,² T. Michael Hoffman,² Lewis F. Kefauver, Adrian C. McCardell,² Geo. W. Crum,² W. Scott Kefauver, Geo. W. Eyerly, Robt. F. Thomas, W. W. Withers,² Goldsboro S. Griffith,² Atvill Conner.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., Isaac N. Peightel,² Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Edward O. Keen, Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders.—John A. Diehl,² J. Edward Omwake,² Isaac H. Kieffer, F. R. Bossert, G. O. Nicodemus.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—A. H. Smith,² John A. Hoffheins, D.D.,² Lewis T. Lampe,² Moses A. Kieffer,² Ellis S. Hay,² Thomas K. Cromer,² Joseph E. Guy.

Elders.—Richard L. Gray,² D. A. Miller,² W. A. Pence,² J. H. Show, H. E. Bailey,² C. O. Arey,² J. S. Huffman.²

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.,² James D. Andrew,² J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph.D., Jacob C. Leonard, B.D., Harvey A. M. Holshauser, Samuel W. Beck,² Calvin B. Heller,² John H. Keller,² Paul Barringer.²

Elders.—P. J. Leonard,² J. B. Leonard,² J. R. Fisher,² G. H. Peeler.²

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.,² Marsby J. Roth,² Alexander P. Frantz,² J. Hamilton Smith,² Theodore C. Hesson,² Silas P. Mauger.²

Elders.—Greenberry W. Weaver,² Franklin D. Hesson,² Jacob H. Schriver,² Martin R. Berkheimer.²

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Miles O. Noll, Samuel H. Stein, George W. Shellenberger,² J. Thomas Fox,² William H. Groh.²

Elders.—Samuel S. Brenner, Dr. E. A. Shulenberger,² Elias B. Leiby, John Calvin Miller, Silas W. Moyer.²

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Simon U. Waugaman,² Edward W. Stonebraker,² Paul A. DeLong, Howard Obold, J. David Miller, W. C. Slough.²

Elders.—John Brewster, Levi Roudabush,² G. S. Grove,² C. C. Roudabush,² J. Scott Corle.²

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. S. M. Roeder Wednesday evening. Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. James D. Andrew from Saturday morning until the adjournment of Synod.

Revs. J. B. Shontz, J. C. Leonard, B.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., and Elders Geo. H. Foust, Lewis F. Kefauver, P. J. Leonard and Silas W. Moyer were excused on Monday morning.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Simon S. Miller, Isaac M. Motter, J. M. Schick, D.D.

Virginia Classis.—Elder H. J. Seibert.

North Carolina Classis.—Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., W. W. Rowe, Shuford Peeler, J. C. Clapp, D.D., W. H. Causey, J. A. Foil, Ph.D., S. W. Beck, and President C. B. Mebane and Professor R. W. Weaver, of Catawba College.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. D. N. Dittmar, C. J. Musser, D.D., R. W. Miller, D.D., T. M. Yundt. Licentiate E. M. Hartman. Elder F. E. Heller.

Ohio Synod—Rev. A. V. Casselman.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Revs J. H. Wilson, of the Lutheran Church; M. E. Atkins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; M. E. Parish, of the Baptist Church, and J. M. Rumble, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. Miles O. Noll, *President*, Carlisle, Pa.
 Rev. Samuel H. Stein, *Vice-President*, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
 Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, *Corresponding Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.
 Rev. E. O. Keen, *Reading Clerk*, Waynesboro, Pa.
 Elder George N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.
 Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., is *Stated Clerk*, Woodberry, Md.

ARTICLE IV. RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as the church, excepting the last two pews. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 and 2.30 o'clock, and close at 11 and 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., J. C. Leonard, C. B. Heller; Elders S. T. Wilfong and T. D. Hedrick.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Geo. S. Sorber, W. H. Groh; Elders Isaac H. Kieffer and A. C. McCordell.

Overtures.—Revs. P. A. DeLong, J. Marsby Roth, J. Thos. Fox; Elders T. M. Hoffman and Atvill Conner.

Minutes of Classis.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., J. K. McKee, Howard Obold; Elders E. B. Leiby and R. L. Gray.

Publication.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Hiram J. Hillegas, F. F. Bahner, D. D.; Elders Dr. E. A. Shulenberger and L. W. Feistel.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. I. N. Peigh-tel, J. T. Rossiter, D.D., J. B. Shontz; Elders John Brewster, John Calvin Miller.

State of Religion.—Revs. John M. Schick, D.D., J. David Miller, Silas P. Mauger; Elders Geo. S. Grove and W. A. Pence.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., David J. Wolf, Geo. W. Shellenberger; Elders J. H. Shriver and F. R. Bossert.

Education.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, Jos. L. Murphy, D.D., Moses A. Kieffer; Elders John A. Diehl and C. A. Thomas.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. Geo. Stibitz, Ph.D., J. M. L. Lysterly, Ph.D., Theo. C. Hesson; Elders J. Edward Omwake and Levi Roudabush.

Missions.—Revs. Atvill Conner, S. U. Waugaman, S. H. Stein; Elders W. Scott Corle and P. J. Leonard.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. Jonas B. Shontz, W. A. Korn, Ph. D., Lewis T. Lampe; Elders Ephraim Cornman and H. E. Baily.

Nominations.—Revs. C. B. Heller, J. W. Pontius, A. P. Frantz; Elders S. S. Brenner, C. C. Roudabush.

Finance.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, D.D., Ellis S. Hay, J. D. Andrew; Elders M. R. Berkheimer and C. M. Thomas.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, a communication from the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, containing the report of Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer of the Washington Church Building Fund, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The annual report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday evening, Oct. 21, 8 o'clock.—Opening Sermon by retiring President, Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C.

Thursday, 7.30 p. m.—"Home Missions." Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa., presiding. Addresses: "Missions in the South," Rev. C. B. Heller, Maiden, N. C., and "Home Missions the Imperative Duty of the Hour," Rev. D. N. Dittmar, Phila., Pa.

Friday, 7.30 p. m.—"Education." Rev. Geo. Stibitz, Ph.D., York, Pa., presiding. Addresses: "Our Educational Needs," Rev. Prof. J. H. Keller, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., "The Church Paper and the Progress of the Church," Rev. C. J. Musser, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. Exhibition of views on China by Rev. A. V. Casselman, Pittsburg, Pa.

Saturday, 3.30 p. m.—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. P. A. DeLong, Huntingdon, Pa.

7.30 p. m.—"Benevolent Work." Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Martinsburg, W. Va., presiding. Addresses: "The Ministerial Relief Society," Rev. J. S. Hartman, Silver Run, Md., "The Deaconess Work," Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Baltimore, Md., "The Orphans' Cause," Rev. T. M. Yundt, Womelsdorf, Pa. Exhibition of views on Japan by Rev. A. V. Casselman.

Sunday, Oct. 25.—*Reformed Church.*—Addresses to the Sunday-school, Revs. Obold and Conner. 11 a. m., Holy Communion sermon, Rev. Miles O. Noll, president of Synod.

2.30 p. m.—Sunday-school and young people's mass meeting

in the Presbyterian church, Dr. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., presiding. Addresses: "The Church and These Little Ones," by Rev. Ellis Hay. "The 20th Century Sunday-school," Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D.

Sunday night, 7.30 p. m.—Union Missionary meeting in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Addresses: "News From the Field," by Rev. A. V. Casselman. "Later Ideas on Home Missions," by Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D.

First Presbyterian Church.—11 a. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D.

First M. E. Church, South.—11 a. m., Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D.

St. John's Lutheran Church.—11 a. m., Rev. C. J. Musser, D.D.

First Baptist Church.—11 a. m., Rev. S. H. Stein.

Chestnut Hill M. E. Church.—11 a. m., Rev. W. E. Stonebraker.

Chestnut Hill Baptist Church.—11 a. m., Rev. M. A. Kieffer.

East Salisbury M. E. Church.—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Korn, Ph.D.

Y. M. C. A., Spencer.—4 p. m., Rev. L. E. Coblentz.

Spencer Methodist Church.—11 a. m., Rev. J. David Miller.
7-30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Smith.

Concord.—Rev. G. A. Whitmore.

Greensboro.—Rev. Geo. A. Stibitz, Ph.D.

Crescent.—Rev. D. J. Wolf.

Upper Davidson.—Rev. Geo. S. Sorber.

High Point.—Rev. E. O. Keen.

Burlington.—Rev. A. T. Wright.

Maiden.—Rev. T. C. Hesson.

Gilead.—Rev. J. T. Fox.

Rockwell.—Rev. A. P. Frantz.

Hickory.—Rev. A. H. Smith.

Newton.—Rev. George A. Snyder.

Lexington.—*Morning.*—Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D.; *evening,*
Rev. M. J. Roth.

W. B. DUTTERA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed

the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1. p. 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod; of which committee Rev. H. J. Hillegas, is chairman.

Item 2, p. 37. A committee is appointed to superintend the commemoration of the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of Franklin and Marshall College. Rev. E. B. Lyttle is chairman.

Item 3, p. 38. The Classes are requested to arrange for the holding of educational conventions in the interest of the education of women, and of the Woman's College.

Item 4, p. 39. The Classes are to instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked ability and piety to consecrate their lives to the Christian Ministry.

Item 5, p. 40. Report of the Committee on the Endowment of the Woman's College. Rev. M. O. Noll, chairman.

Item 6, p. 43. The balances of annual interest on account of Catawba College due by the several classes are referred to the classes delinquent, and they are urged to make immediate payment.

Item 7, p. 44. A committee was appointed, of which Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D., is chairman, to devise plans and means to secure, by April 1st, 1903, the \$5,000 due by this Synod on the Science Building, at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 8, p. 44. The Board of Trustees of Synod are instructed to borrow after April 1st, 1903, whatever sum may be deficient to meet the \$5,000 for the Science Building.

Item 9. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

It will be necessary to elect members of the various Boards of Synod to fill the place of those whose terms of office expire—or to fill vacancies, as follows:

P. 24. Trustees of Catawba College—six members.

44. Board of Education—three members for three years; one for two years; one for one year.

- 44. Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years, one for two, and one for one year.
- 45. Directors of Woman's College—one for five years.
- 45. Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College—one for ten years.
- 60. Board of Home Missions—one member for four years.
- 64. Board of Trustees of Synod—one member for five years.
- 66. Sunday-school Board of Synod—one member for five years.
- 72. Board of Publication—one member for four years.
- 76. Board of Managers of Deaconess Home—one minister for four years; one elder for three years.

Item 10, p. 58-9. Certain recommendations to the Classes concerning missions, raising of the apportionments in full, six Cents per member, for Church Building, and the observance of Home Mission Sunday by the Sunday-schools, are made.

Item 11, p. 60. The Trustees of Synod were authorized to borrow an amount equivalent to the deficiencies now existing on the part of several Classes for Grace Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.

Item 12, p. 62. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian, and Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Theological Seminary, General Synod and Potomac Synod Contingent, Beneficiary Education, and Catawba College.

Item 13, p. 17. All the Classes are urged to assume all apportionments in full.

Item 14, p. 63. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing for Contingent Fund of Synod and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 15, p. 65-6. Are recommendations to the Classes in reference to Sunday-schools, concerning higher standards of excellence, classical or district conventions, General Synod's requests as to the contributions on festival days, and Normal Classes and Home Departments.

Item 16, p. 66. The Stated Clerk of Synod is instructed to send to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes a list of the items referred by the Synod to the Classes.

Item 17, p. 67. The Stated Clerks of Classes are required to send an abstract of the minutes of their Classes relative to matters to come before Synod, along with the copy of minutes, and to report all persons ordained during the Synodical year.

Item 18, p. 72. The Classes are to make earnest effort to increase the subscription list of the Messenger and the Review.

Item 19, p. 72. The Stated Clerk was authorized to have printed and distributed to the proper persons 3000 copies of the Minutes of last year's sessions of Synod.

Item 20, p. 73. Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes are commended to the earnest prayers and the liberal support of all our Classes.

Item 21, p. 74. Rev. H. H. Apple was appointed to confer with the Associated Press and the city papers in relation to the proper reporting of the proceedings of this Synod.

Item 22, p. 74. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is, through the Classes, to be presented to the people at least once a year, and they are urged to a larger liberality.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on Item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, see Article X, Minutes of Classes for their action on the several items; on items 5, 7, see Article XIII, Education; items 8, 11, 16 were adopted and marked "attended to;" item 9 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; item 14 was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; on item 19, see Article XX, Publication; the committees on items 2 and 21 failed to report.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received and disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following items have been referred to it:

Item 1. A request from Dr. W. M. Irvine, President of Mercersburg Academy, to appoint a committee to ordain Mr. Clayton H. Ranck to the Gospel ministry.

Item 2. A resolution from the Executive Committee of Catawba College, authorizing Treasurer of Synod to borrow amount due by Synod to Catawba College, and pay same to Treasurer of College.

Item 3. Invitation from Everett charge, Juniata Classis, to Synod, to hold its sessions for the year 1904, at Everett, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. DELONG, *Chairman.*

For action on Item 1, see Article XIX, Church Government; on item 2, Article XIII, Education. Item 3 was temporarily laid upon the table. Subsequently it was taken up, and the invitation was accepted, Synod deciding to meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Everett, Pa., on Wednesday, October 26th, A. D. 1904, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on the Minutes of the Classes submits the following:

I.—Matters Referred by Synod.

Item 1. The Classes are requested to arrange for the holding of Educational Conventions in the interest of the education of the women and of the Woman's College.

All the Classes took favorable action except Mercersburg, which took no action.

Item 2. The Classes are to instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked ability and piety to consecrate their lives to the Gospel Ministry.

All the Classes comply with this instruction of Synod.

Item 3. The balances of annual interest on account of Catawba College, due by the several Classes, are referred to the Classes delinquent, and they are urged to make immediate payment.

The action of Synod is adopted by all the Classes except Zion's and the Classis of Virginia, which declines any further responsibility for interest on the endowment fund of Catawba College, in view of the claim of Classis, and the fact as reported by Synod's Committee, that she has paid in full her proportion of Synod's obligation in this behalf.

Item 4. Certain recommendations to the Classes concerning Missions, raising of the apportionments in full—six cents per member for Church Building, and the observance of Home Mission Sunday, by the Sunday-schools, are made.

All the Classes approve the action regarding the raising of apportionments in full. All the Classes accept the apportionment of 6 cents per member for Church Building, except Zion's.

All approve of the observance of Home Mission Sunday by Sunday-schools.

Item 5. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home and Foreign Missions, etc.

All the Classes accept the several apportionment, except Mercersburg, for work among Germans; Virginia 50 per cent for Missions, Home and Foreign, and all that for Catawba College, and North Carolina assumes nothing for Hungarian and Bohemian, Harbor Missions, Work among Germans, one-half of apportionment for Theological Seminary, and Juniata only \$150 for Beneficiary Education.

Item 6. All the Classes are urged to assume all apportionments in full.

All the Classes approve this action.

Item 7. Recommendations to the Classes in reference to Sunday-schools.

All the Classes have taken favorable action.

Item 8. The Stated Clerks of Classes are required to send an abstract of the Minutes of their Classes relative to matters to come before Synod, along with the copy of Minutes, and to report all persons ordained during the Synodical year.

All the Classes approve this action.

Item 8. The Classes are to make earnest efforts to increase the subscription list of the Messenger and Review.

All the Classes have taken favorable action.

Item 9. Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes are commended to our earnest prayers and liberal support of all our Classes.

All Classes took favorable action.

Item 10. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, through the Classes, to be presented to the people at least once a year, and they are urged to a larger liberality.

The item was approved by all the Classes.

II.—Matters Referred to Synod.

Item 11. North Carolina Classis calls attention of Synod to the omission of the reception of Rev. W. H. Stubblebine by said Classis.

Item 12. Maryland Classis overtures Synod to change the ratio of delegates, so that it shall be one delegate to every four ordained ministers or fraction thereof, instead of one for every three or fraction thereof, as at present.

III.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 13. Zion's Classis received Rev. John J. Stauffer from Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.

Item 14. Maryland Classis received Licentiate Aaron M. Gluck from Mercersburg Classis, Rev. Samuel T. Wagner from

St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. James R. Lewis from Wichita Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Rev. Charles A. Bushong from Virginia Classis. Dismissed Rev. George M. de F. Zacharias to the German Maryland Classis, German Synod of the East.

Item 15. Mercersburg Classis licensed Mr. A. M. Gluck and dismissed Licentiate A. M. Gluck to Maryland Classis, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher to Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh, and Rev. H. N. Bassler to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 16. Virginia Classis received Licentiate Ben. K. Hay from the Classis of Somerset, Synod of Pittsburgh, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry. Dismissed Rev. C. A. Bushong to Maryland Classis.

Item 17. North Carolina Classis licensed William H. Causey, Charles W. Warlick and H. Shuford T. Peeler; ordained Licentiates D. E. Bowers, W. W. Rowe, S. W. Beck, W. H. Causey and H. S. T. Peeler; dismissed Licentiate C. W. Warlick to Juniata Classis.

Item 18. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. William E. Bushong from Zion's Classis, and Rev. Silas P. Mauger from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. F. A. Guth to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod, and Licentiate Robert Lee Bair to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 19. Carlisle Classis licensed Frank W. Shulenberger; received Rev. Frank L. Kerr from St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. J. David Miller to Juniata Classis, and Rev. John P. Dieffenderfer to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 20. Juniata Classis licensed B. A. Black, John E. Stone and Calvin Skyles; ordained Licentiates Walter E. Garrett, W. C. Slough, E. F. Faust and Charles W. Warlick; received Rev. G. W. Welsh from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and J. David Miller from Carlisle Classis, Licentiate E. F. Faust from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and Licentiate Chas. W. Warlick from North Carolina Classis; dismissed Rev. H. H. Hartman to Miami Classis, Ohio Synod, Rev. I. W. Hendricks to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod, Licentiate J. E. Stone to Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod, Rev. A. C. Thompson to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, Licentiate B. A. Black to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Licentiate Calvin Skyles to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

IV.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 20. *Zion's Classis* will meet at St. Paul's church, Dallastown, York county, Pa., on May 16th, 1904, at 7.30 p. m.

Rev. O. P. Shellhamer, President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk; E. A. Rice, Treasurer.

Item 21. *Maryland Classis* will meet in Trinity Reformed church, Thurmont, Md., May 13th, 1904, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. G. W. Snyder, President; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Acting Treasurer; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, Stated Clerk.

Item 22. *Mercersburg Classis* will meet at St. Paul's Reformed church, Waynesboro, Pa., Tuesday preceding Ascension Day, 1904, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. O. Keen, President; Rev. W. C. Cremer, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 23. *Virginia Classis* will meet in Christ Reformed church, Martinsburg, W. Va., Wednesday, May 25th, 1904, at 8 p. m. Rev. E. S. Hay, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 24. *North Carolina Classis* will meet in First Reformed church of High Point, Wednesday, May 4th, 1904, at 8 p. m. Rev. H. A. M. Holshauser, President; M. J. Rowe, Treasurer; Rev. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk.

Item 25. *Gettysburg Classis* will meet in Emanuel Reformed church, Abbottstown, Adams county, Pa., first Tuesday after the Ascension Day, 1904, at 10.30 a. m. Rev. P. M. Spangler, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 26. *Carlisle Classis* will meet in Zion's Reformed church near Newburg, Pa., May 18th, 1904, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. T. Fox, President; Rev. W. H. Groh, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Item 27. *Juniata Classis* will meet in Grace Reformed church, Mann's Choice, Pa., May 18th, 1904, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. P. A. DeLong, President; Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

Synod took the following action concerning the declination of Virginia Classis in item 3. "This Synod does not allow the claims of Virginia Classis of having paid its full portion of the \$17,000 endowment for Catawba College."

The item, together with the report of the Committee on Catawba College, pp. 40-42 Minutes of Synod, 1902, was referred to a special committee, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., George A. Snyder and Elder J. A. Diehl, to report next year.

For action on item 12 see Article XIX, Church Government.

The Classes which failed to assume all the apportionments sent down to them by Synod, items 3, 4, 5, were urged to assume all such apportionments in full hereafter.

The remaining items were severally adopted.

NOTE.—The following data are supplied by the Stated Clerk of North Carolina Classis: Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., was received by the Classis of North Carolina from the Classis of Miami, Synod of Ohio, February 8th, 1902.—Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Examination and Licensure would respectfully report that nothing within the scope of their functions claimed their attention, so they have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: "Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father in truth and love."

The review of the state of religion and morals in the Synod of the Potomac, as set forth in the reports on this subject presented by the several Classes, and referred to your committee, awakens gratitude, and calls for praise to God, our heavenly Father, for the unnumbered blessings He has been pleased to bestow upon the labors of His servants, and for the great use He has so graciously made of His Church, in the ministry of His Word for the salvation of men.

These reports unite in expressions of grateful recognition of the Lord's leading and helping hand in all the work of the Church. They all breathe a hopeful spirit in speaking of the outlook for the future efforts of God's servants, for all the Classes report of unusual prosperity attending the labors of nearly all the congregations in every sphere of Christian effort.

The work of God everywhere within your bounds is in a most healthy and vigorous state, and whilst perhaps in no case measuring up to all the expectations of the toilers, the proofs of God's faithful assistance are everywhere abundant, and on every hand the evidences of progress out of the plans of Synöd's work are most encouraging.

The Word of God has been preached with unvarying fidelity and unchanging regularity, and the servants of the church have thus shown their adherence to the historic policy of our denomination, which, in all times, has emphasized the importance of faithfully preaching the Word of God in its purity as set forth in the standards of the Church. And it is, above everything, highly gratifying to record both the faithfulness of the ministry and the favor with which God so attended these services, as to make His Word accomplish that whereunto He sent it into the world.

The Sacraments have been administered and the members of the congregations have generally participated in accepting the opportunity thus offered, to enjoy the assurance and seal of God that remission of sin and life eternal are given them for the sake of that one sacrifice of Christ accomplished upon the cross.

The children of our families have been baptized, and, except in one Classis, the adults have in larger numbers and in increasing proportion, availed themselves of the privilege, in celebrating the Lord's Supper, of showing forth the Lord's death and at the same time being nourished and fed unto everlasting life with the crucified body and shed blood of Jesus Christ.

The Church has not been negligent of her obligations to her baptized children, and the reports show a marked adherence of the denomination to the instruction of the children and youth of the churches in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion by means of careful catechisation by her earnest and faithful pastors.

These means of grace have been fruitful in the life of the people. The number of confirmations is larger; the attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary is almost universally good; the benevolent operations of the Church have been supported as never before; and in every other way the fruit of the Spirit is abounding in all our Classes to the glory of God in increased devotion of the Church in all the forms of Christian activity. But whilst this is the general tone of the reports as a whole, there is also considerable evidence that our Church has not attained to the highest degree of usefulness. Much remains to be desired, and calls for renewed consecration to the work God has given His servants to do. But in the light of the reports it ought to be said that these shortcomings cannot

be looked upon as other than a call to further service, in which there is little to discourage and much to encourage those who love the prosperity of Zion.

In every report are found records of new churches built and of old ones repaired and renovated; and it is particularly encouraging to note that in many places church debts have been paid and new buildings consecrated without any debt to embarrass any future work of the church.

This prosperity is by no means confined to local work. The great missionary, educational and other charitable enterprises of the whole Church enjoy the benefit of the renewed active life of the Church in a way to make it a pleasure to renew it.

What may thus be reported as touching the general body of the Church is equally true of the special forms of effort. The Sunday-school, missionary and young people's societies occasion, in all the Classes, which report on their work, gratification for the success which has attended these particular forms of Christian service, and this Synod may well share in this joy of the Classes.

There is in each report a note of sorrow. Here and there fields are without pastors and the work lags; and thus the call for more ministers of the gospel is thus strongly emphasized, and this Synod may well make renewed effort to seek out and prepare worthy young men to consecrate themselves to the service of God in the ministry of His Word.

Faithful pastors have been called from toil to rest and their vacant places remain to admonish us to be faithful while it is the day, seeing that the night cometh when no man can work.

Perhaps the saddest note is sounded by the record of the calling from the side of faithful pastors the loving sharers of their labors, and the inspiring brightness of their homes. Unrecognized, too often, the minister's wife suffers all the hardships of the pastor's life without the inspiration and encouragement which comes to their husbands from meetings of Classes and Synod. Without a complaint, in the love they bear the Church they minister in every way to the growth of the Church, even when that is done without the least appreciation from those for whom the effort is made. No one on earth can even possibly tell how much these daughters of grace have done for the good and well-being of the congregation. By cheering the pastoral home life, they strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of the more recognized laborers, until the lines of anxiety and care strongly draw themselves over their faces. They find all their reward in the strengthening the work entrusted to husbands; and in so supporting them in hours of arduous trial as to make their hard life sweetest when in the limits of the home circle, the ministers truly withdraw from the

weariness of others' troubles into the joy of homes these have made. They have entered into their rest. May God reward what we have failed to recognize in the trials of their earthly labors.

But with all that is sad, and in full view of all that might have been better in the past that is so full of encouragement, we enter with comfort as to our losses and with joy as to our gains, into the work of the future with renewed consecration, seeing that He who hath thus far led and owned His work will in no wise fail us in all we undertake in His name and to His praise.

With firm faith in His promises and with an abiding confidence in His word, we take courage and look up, and take up His work, relying upon Him for help in time of need, for strength in days of duty, for guidance in moments of doubt, and for assurance in all our labors under the privileges and responsibilities resting on us as His servants and ambassadors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Thursday the annual reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The several reports were as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Board of Education offers to your reverend body their annual report for the year ending in July, 1903.

The Board met according to adjournment in annual session at Chambersburg, Pa., in Zion's Reformed church, on July 15, at 2 p. m. Only five members of the Board were present, namely Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. J. David Miller and Rev. S. U. Waugaman,

The Board organized for the ensuing year by re-electing Dr. Rossiter as president and Rev. J. David Miller as treasurer.

Our beloved and efficient secretary, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, on last November 1st was called to his reward.

The vacancy created by his departure is now filled by Rev. S. U. Waugaman.

Owing to the fact that many of the stated clerks of the different Classes had failed to send in reports of the students and applications for aid, the Board was therefore laboring under many disadvantages occasioned in part by the death of our faithful secretary, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Students Aaron M. Gluck, of Mercersburg Classis; Blanchard Allen Black and John Edward Stone, of Juniata Classis, and William H. Causey, of North Carolina Classis, graduated from the Seminary last May.

Next in order was the examination of students' reports, their grade papers and recommendations from Classis. With reference to those students, whose applications were not sent in, conditional action was taken, granting aid if the requirements of the Board were complied with. The following loans were made for the ensuing year, appropriating \$150 to each student: Seminary Senior, Henry W. Kochenderfer; Seminary Middlers, Edward S. Lamar, John H. Detrick, Charles E. Meyers, Dallas R. Krebs; Seminary Juniors, Edward A. G. Herman, Vernon S. Rice, Milton Whitener; College Sophomores, George Misset, Linden H. Rice, H. T. Iams, Oliver S. Hartman.

At the present time we have no college juniors or seniors enrolled.

Twelve students will receive aid from the Board of Education during the current year. These students are distributed at the different institutions as follows: Franklin and Marshall College, 3; Lancaster Theological Seminary, 5; Ursinus College, 1; Ursinus School of Theology, 3.

Our number of beneficiaries seems to be less each year. Our average in the last ten years is twenty beneficiaries, and at present with a rapidly growing church and our greatest membership, only twelve students.

The Board was greatly delighted to know that nine of our ministers who were beneficiaries have served successfully for five years in the ministry and are therefore entitled to the return of their bonds. The names of these brethren are: Rev. Ross Wicks, Rev. David J. Wolf, Rev. F. L. Kerr, Rev. L. C. Harnish, Rev. Louis C. Summer, Rev. Chas. E. Wagner, Rev. H. H. Hartman, Rev. U. C. E. Gutelius.

The Board felt it their duty in the case of Howard R. Miller, Edgar Lingenfelter, Ezra D. Lantz and Victor A. Barnhart, young men who solicited aid from the Church and have now

place, so it will be necessary for this Synod to select five members of the Board. Three for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The Board at present consists of Rev. M. O. Noll, Rev. J. B. Shontz, Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D., Rev. C. A. Santee, A. R. Schnebly, Esq., Rev. I. N. Peightel, Samuel Hoeflich, Esq., E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.; Rev. C. J. Musser; J. W. Witherspoon, Esq., J. H. Shook, Esq., G. A. Wood, Esq., Henry Spangler, Esq., and W. Rush Gillan; there being one vacancy as above mentioned.

Ten years ago Mercersburg College could have been summed up as follows:

Fifty students, four instructors, one building, four acres of land, and a debt of almost \$5,000. Now there are 327 students registered, while thirty were turned away for want of accommodation, twenty-five were under age and more than a dozen were unable to furnish proper recommendations. These students are from all parts of the United States. Last year eighty were graduated and the Senior class this year numbers about one hundred. Thirteen hundred different boys have been enrolled in the ten years.

The faculty consists of twenty-one instructors who not only teach but have charge of athletic teams, all school publications, the literary societies, the study halls and the dormitories.

Fourteen buildings are used by the school at present. Eight of these are over-flow dormitories, cottages rented in the town for the accommodation of students until the new dormitory is completed.

By the end of this school year improvements which cost \$120,000 will have been made, with an indebtedness of \$20,000. As a result of this expenditure, the college owns at this time sixty-three acres of land. North Cottage and South Cottage have been remodeled and enlarged. A large wing has been added to the Main Hall, including a chapel, class rooms, society halls and dormitories for students. Keil Hall, containing a handsome dining room, 42 by 104 feet, a kitchen and rooms for fifty-two students, has been erected. The Samuel A. Thomas Memorial Cage has been built. An athletic field and track have been acquired. A new dormitory, with accommodation for one hundred and twenty students, is being erected at present.

The thoroughness of the work done by the school is proved by the fact that our boys are found in forty colleges and on the honor rolls of ten of these.

In addition to the stress placed upon the correct speaking and writing of English in the school, three literary societies are maintained and a weekly, a monthly and an annual are issued by the students.

Regular work is done in oratory and in music. To meet the requirements of the latter department, a glee club, a mandolin and guitar club, and an orchestra are maintained.

The school library contains three thousand volumes, and is becoming a working force in the training of the students.

The athletic teams are under trained men at every practice period. Three football teams are maintained, giving exercise to sixty men. Forty men are doing track work. About twenty-five are playing basket ball, and the others are either taking calisthenics or military drill. In all these exercises the students are under the oversight of a competent trainer.

For the welfare of the students an infirmary, attended by a trained nurse, is maintained.

The following religious exercises are held at the school: Sunday morning and Vesper services, Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting, Bible study and daily chapel service. Last year \$1,100 were raised for Dr. Beam's salary. \$100 were given as a personal gift to him, but it will be expended for a microscope. \$400 were given to the hospital in China and the school has made itself responsible for the salary of the head master of the new boys' school in China. The regular Sunday morning collection will be devoted to the education of Chinese boys (at \$25 a year). The College has its own pastor this year.

Four additional prizes have been given since last year: One of \$10 in memory of Mr. Karchner, the donor has not yet stated for what this prize shall be given; one of \$10 and one of \$5 by Mr. McLaughlin for the best two speakers on the commencement stage; one of \$20 by the President of the Board of Regents for the best biographical sketch of a prominent American; and one of \$50 by Mr. Farnsworth, of Harrisburg, Pa., to be given in an oratorical contest.

A very important feature of the College life is the quiet work done by Mrs. Irvine. She calls upon all of the students and learns to know them. She also carries on an extensive correspondence with parents, thus gaining a certain insight into the students' natures to which instructors, by virtue of their positions cannot attain.

The school makes it a point to help many worthy fellows of limited means. Fifty-seven such are at Mercersburg now working as table waiters, etc., and their presence is a great benefit to the others. A special rate is offered to the sons of Reformed ministers and quite a number are availing themselves of the opportunity.

For some years to come the school will not admit more than the present number of students. There are several reasons for this. The dormitories are now full. That personal contact between the head of the school and the student and parents

which has meant so much in past years is almost impossible with a school larger than the present enrollment. The aim of the school is to be thorough, not large. That it could be large goes without saying, when we bear in mind that it is in third or fourth place in this country, and the number of boys turned away would have put it nearer the top. Thorough class work and full rounded development are being aimed at and each year sees additional progress in this line.

We have made this report longer than any report heretofore made during the present management of the institution. We have done this in the hope that we may in this manner bring to the Church the full realization of the fact that this school, owned and controlled by this Synod, is doing a work for the church which entitles it to the hearty sympathy and full co-operation of every person within its bounds. The best way to speed the progress of the church and to advance the civilization of the world is by the Christian education of its boys.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

**Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of
Frederick, Md.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., hereby presents its annual report.

At the meeting held in April last Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., was elected President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary, and A. C. McCardell, Treasurer.

We have now completed ten years of college work—years of earnest, unremitting effort to carry out the policy and realize the aim that was in the mind of the Synod when it created this Board with authority to locate and establish a woman's college.

The past year was in some respects the most successful in its history, and its commencement was more than usually enthusiastic and inspiring. The whole number of students enrolled was 161, of whom 60 were boarders.

Eight were graduated in the Literary Department, three in Music and three in Elocution.

The total receipts for the year were \$15,926.77. The total expenses, including supplies, rents, salaries, repairs, etc., were \$15,639.91. Earnings over all expenses were \$286.86.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., in July, 1903, were \$3,822.64.

The several rentals of the college and conservatory buildings for the year have been paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and of the Treasurer of the current expenses have been audited and found correct.

Endowment fund invested, \$24,483.42. Cash in hand, \$137.01. Total endowment fund, \$24,620.43.

A cursory review of the past ten years will best indicate the progress that has been made. When the College opened in 1893 there were two buildings, a faculty of eight teachers, an enrollment of about 80 students of which 30 were boarders, an equipment of one grand and four square pianos of its musical department, without a library worthy of the name, or a laboratory, or a gymnasium, or an infirmary, and without one dollar in the treasury, or any other resources.

We close the decade with the two buildings materially increased in capacity, and a Conservatory of Music and Art added. The faculty of eight has grown to sixteen regular teachers and eight assistants. From a musical department of two lady teachers, we have now a Conservatory of Music, with a faculty of six, three men and three women. The one grand and four square pianos of uncertain age have increased to three concert grands and thirteen others, mostly uprights.

The average enrollment for the ten years has been 150 and the total enrollment 659 different students.

The financial operations of the College have caused the management the most concern. We began in leased buildings, for the rent of which we were responsible, without any resources other than the good will of the Synod. The receipts have increased from about \$9,000, the first year, to nearly \$20,000, the past year, aggregating over \$150,000. The expenditures have been but a few hundred dollars less. The policy of the Board has not been to make money, but to give our patrons in turn for this investment, all that it was possible to give and yet remain solvent.

With all the increased advantages in instruction, with the improved comfort and conveniences in the buildings, and the enlarged equipment, our rates have not been raised to any proportionate extent. We are giving our patrons what costs us more than they invest. This is made possible as the result of a partial endowment.

The College equipment has grown through the aid of generous friends, without drawing upon the revenues of the institution. The value of the accessions to the library alone is over \$1,500. It has been indexed and is in charge of a trained librarian, and is thus made more helpful to the work of all departments.

The college buildings have been renovated during the past summer, and were never in better condition.

The President has moved into a separate residence just opposite the main College Building, and thereby we have secured several additional much-needed rooms. To further provide for the students coming to us, we have been obliged to rent a large room, adjoining the conservatory, known as Kemp Hall, to which the Art Department has been transferred, thus releasing three rooms on the third story of the Conservatory Building for boarding students, and by this same change making the Art Department more comfortable than it has heretofore been.

The present enrollment is 151, of which 74 are boarders. We have contracted with the W. W. Kimball Co., of Chicago, for a \$2,500 "Tubular Pneumatic Pipe Organ," to be installed in College Hall by the end of October. From friends of the College there has been secured about two-thirds of the amount needed for the payment of the same, and we hope to provide for the balance without drawing upon the funds of the College.

In this decade there has been great advance as to entrance requirements and also as to scope and quality of College work. It has required faith and courage to so raise the standard as thereby to greatly enhance the value of its diploma.

The Church ought to do the best that is possible for her daughters. Woman is not only ordained to be man's companion, but she becomes, by her intrinsic qualities, his leader. For good or evil she gives the tone to society. From the cradle to the grave men are conditioned far more by women than by one another. A mother's influence exceeds that of any other person. The Church owes it to herself to develop all woman's powers, and to stimulate a holy fire within her breast.

The College has won its way to recognition among the institutions of the land, and is among the best of its class. Its intellectual and spiritual life cannot be measured by material standards. It asks your hearty sympathy and co-operation. It needs its fair share of the benevolent contributions for educational purposes. It should be equipped to do for our daughters, in the way of opportunity for their true culture, what is being done for our sons.

We point to the results of the past with a degree of reasonable pride, and as we face the future there is an inspiring outlook.

The time of service of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., will expire with December 31st, 1903, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of the Board of Directors.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 19, 1903.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to present the following report:

One hundred and eighty-five students were enrolled during the scholastic year ending May 21, 1903. Of these thirty-one were in the collegiate department, one hundred and eleven in the academic department, twenty-eight in the primary department. Twenty-six studied music and twenty-nine took the business course.

At the commencement in May three young men were graduated from the institution, viz: M. Z. Whitener, W. S. Clapp and J. D. Huggins. Mr. Whitener is in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and Mr. Clapp is in the Ursinus School of Theology at Philadelphia. Mr. Huggins is teaching school in South Carolina.

The fall term of school opened September 2, 1903, and at present one hundred and fifty-five pupils are enrolled. Sixty-four of these board at the boarding hall and twenty-seven of this number are girls. Twenty-three are studying music.

The charter of the College makes it necessary for twelve members of the Board of Trustees to be present in order to elect a president or professor in the College. Difficulty has been experienced in getting this number together at the annual meetings of the Board, and as a result the teachers have been elected yearly. This is unsatisfactory, as it causes uncertainty in the minds of the patrons as to the teaching force of each year. The teachers this year are as follows: C. H. Mebane, President; W. A. Weaver, Professor of Greek and History; P. M. Trexler, D.D., Professor of English; J. B. Leonard, Instructor in Latin; Miss Irma Whitmore, Teacher of Music; Miss Rosa Rows has charge of the Business Department, and Miss Bertha Herman is the Principal of the Primary School; Mrs. Belle Cecil, matron.

During the year about \$200 were raised and spent on improvements on the buildings. This amount was spent in adding new furniture in the dormitories, putting blinds on the windows and painting. During the last three years the furniture in the buildings for boys and girls has been replaced by new.

C. H. Mebane, who has been in charge of the school for the last three years, says that he has had no trouble in securing students to come to Catawba, but has not been able to hold them, and the reason he gives that the accommodations are meagre and that we have not the strong teaching force. He says, "The great need of the College is a strong teaching force and equipment for the faculty to work with."

The Trustees at the last annual meeting secured the Rev. P. M. Trexler, D.D., as financial agent, and started him in the field to canvass the Classis of North Carolina with a view of raising \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting new buildings. H. L. Beam, who had been elected to the chair of English, and after accepting the same failed to come because of the nature of his work in Illinois. This made it necessary for the Board to recall Dr. Trexler from the field and place him in the College as teacher. The Board hopes in a short time to find a person for the place and then to have Dr. Trexler vigorously prosecute the work of the financial agent.

The terms of office of the following trustees will expire in 1904: L. R. Whitener, J. F. Symre, L. Everhardt, M. J. Rowe, L. M. Peeler and W. A. Pence. It is the duty of Synod to name the successors to these persons.

The indebtedness of the College is about \$4,000. The endowment fund has not been increased during the year.

Herewith we present the

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY, 1902, TO MAY, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	\$ 12 67	
Received of Potomac Synod	556 40	
Received interest on Endowment notes	622 66	
Received from Boarding Club	768 18	
Received on old tuition	893 22	
Received tuition, Fall Term, 1902	1,012 22	
Received tuition, Spring Term, 1903	772 64	
Borrowed from Shuford's Bank	500 00	
Received from other sources	89 47	
Due the Treasurer (advanced)	303 35	
	<hr/>	\$5,530 81
Collected on Building Funds for College from May, 1902, to May, 1903	\$ 371 68	
Collected on Building Fund by former treasurer prior to May, 1902	1,884 51	
	<hr/>	\$2,256 19
Indebtedness of College (about)	\$ 4,000 00	
Endowment	10,000 00	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid note at Shuford's Bank	\$ 500 00
" Treasurer's salary	100 00
" Expenses of Boarding Club	318 17
" On piano	114 31
" Teachers	3,581 22
" On furniture	128 47
" Interest	66 00
" For band	25 05
" Interest on Roller Fund	60 00
" For carpet	57 68
" For lumber for hall	34 35

" For wood	50 00
" For insurance	30 00
" Librarian and expenses	43 25
" Board of Music and Primary Teacher	85 91
" Diplomas	17 07
" Hardware	33 31
" Work on buildings	79 05
" Printing	18 00
" Advertising	15 50
" Postage and stationery	31 00
" Incidental expenses	142 47
	<hr/> \$5,530 81

M. J. ROWE,
Treasurer Catawba College,

The needs of Catawba College are many. We need to have a permanent faculty—men who will identify themselves with the institution and consecrate themselves to the work of education in the Reformed Church in the South. For this the Trustees have been laboring and praying. New building or additional buildings and better equipments are needed. An endowment fund is a necessity. Laying the interests of your school in the South upon the hearts and minds of the membership of the Potomac Synod, this report is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,
President of the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: I herewith submit to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for the year ending May 14, 1903.

1. The Seminary opened on Thursday, September 11, 1902.
2. The following persons were admitted to the Junior Class:

John F. Buchheit,
Charles P. Freeman,
Harry C. Kehm,
Edwin Simon Lamar,
Charles Edward Meyers,
Jacob D. Ranck,
Edwin E. Romig,
Cyrus George Shupe,

John Hassler Detrick,
Elnathan Lewis Higbee,
Henri L. G. Kieffer,
W. D. Marburger,
Samuel Edward Moyer,
Wm. E. Rittenhouse,
Charles Edgar Roth,
Jacob Wm. Zehring.

Of this number Jacob D. Ranck and Edwin E. Romig are ministers of other denominations and are pursuing a partial course. The members of this class passed their examinations satisfactorily and were advanced to the Middle Class. Total 16.

3. The members of the Middle Class passed satisfactory examinations and were advanced to the Senior Class. Total 8.

4. Wm. B. Koehler of the Senior Class was called to his reward during the year. By his death the institution suffered the loss of one who stood high in the esteem of his professors and enjoyed the affection and respect of his classmates.

Franklin P. Miller, after having pursued his studies regularly from September, 1899, to February, 1901, was called to a professorship in the Kutztown Normal Institute. Since then he has pursued his studies privately, having taken two years for the Senior course. He was examined before the Board in May, 1901, as a Middler, and in May, 1903, as a Senior, and graduated with his class. In this exceptional case the Board passed upon the merits of his work and the peculiar circumstances in which this student was placed, and in graduating him affirmed no policy as to the future. Each extraordinary case must be considered and decided on its own merits. The examinations of the Senior Class were satisfactory and the testimonial was granted to the graduates:

Frank Kaufman Baker,
Blanchard Allen Black,
Paul Samuel Bridenbaugh,
Edward David Bright,
Perry Crothers Byers,
Wm. Henry Causey,
Calvin Martin DeLong,
Elias Franklin Faust,
Aaron Manns Gluck,
Daniel Gress,
Benj. Keener Hay,
Samuel Charles Hoover,

Wm. H. Kerschner,
Edwin S. Leinbach,
Franklin Pierce Miller,
Charles Lewis Noss,
Richard Radcliffe,
Clayton Haverstick Ranck,
Frank Wilbur Shulenberger,
Simon Sipple,
Calvin K. Staudt,
Karl Stein,
Charles Warlick,
Kitutaro Yoshida.

Of the above Frank H. Baker and Richard Radcliffe are ministers of other denominations. Total 24.

5. At the request of the graduating Class the usual order of graduation exercises was changed. Instead of essays to be read by members of the class an address by one of the alumni was substituted. The address was delivered by Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D. The Board approved the above change for this particular year but declined to make it permanent. For good and sufficient reasons it determined to preserve the old custom as one better for the student body.

6. The Board is gratified to report through the faculty that the scholarship and conduct of the students have been satisfactory.

7. One of our professors, Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., was, in December last, ordered by his physician to suspend for a time all work in his department, and, under a later order of his physician, Dr. Rupp was constrained to suspend his labors for the remainder of the Seminary year. After a season of rest he was able to be present at the examinations without taking

part therein. It is our hope that his improvement will be permanent and that his valuable services may be continued. We note with grateful appreciation the fact that the other professors, of their own volition and so far as their duties would permit, divided the studies of Dr. Rupp's department among themselves, so that the students should not be wholly deprived of this part of their course.

8. The Board respectfully asks the three Synods to provide seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) for the employment of a Professor of Oratory, the said sum to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, \$375; Pittsburgh Synod, \$125; Synod of the Potomac, \$250.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 5, 1903.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the abstract of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 10th, 1903, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 6th, 1903.

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander reported that the Endowment Fund of the Swander Memorial Fund was in excellent condition.

The Endowment Fund was reduced \$900.30 by the cancellation of worthless paper.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$2,400 toward the payment of the annual expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio: Eastern Synod, \$1,200; Potomac Synod, \$800; Pittsburgh Synod, \$400.

Resolved, That the attention of the Synods be respectfully called again to the deficit which now amounts to \$7,646.28, and which will be increased by the necessary expenses of repainting the Seminary Building and the reinsurance of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, to October 1, 1903:

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1902.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund General	\$95,948 26	
Oct.	25.	Received from Wilhelm Estate	383 67	
			<u>\$96,331 93</u>	
		Amount of Fund, special, J. Riegel....	15,680 00	
		Amount of Fund, special, W. A. Wilt..	833 33	
			<u>\$112,845</u>	26

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT, TREAS.

1903.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	To sundry income and interest received from: Oct. 1, 1902, to Oct. 1, 1903.....	\$7,561	95
		Cr.		
		By salary accounts and sundry bills paid from Oct. 1, 1902, to Oct. 1, 1903.....	\$8,223 73	
1902.				
Oct.	1.	By balance due Endowment Fund	6,984 50	
			<u>\$15,208</u>	<u>23</u>
		Amount Dr. brought down.....	7,561	<u>95</u>
		Amount due Endowment Fund.....	<u>\$7,646</u>	<u>28</u>

LIBRARY FUND.

1902.		Dr.		
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund	\$1,819	56
		Balance due Fund	\$56 34	
		Interest received	85 30	
			<u>\$141</u>	64
		Cr.		
		By Sundry bills paid per vouchers	129	36
		Balance due Oct. 1, 1903	<u>\$12</u>	<u>28</u>

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT.

1903.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund	\$5,000	00
		Dr.		
		Interest Oct. 1, 1902, to Oct. 1, 1903....	\$250 00	
		Cr.		
		By interest paid to John Hertzler, Treas. Beneficiary Board Education	\$250 00	

WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.

1903.				
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund	\$833	33
		Dr.		
		Interest to date	\$41 66	
		And accounted for in the current expenses of the Theological Seminary.		

SCHAFY PRIZE FUND

Amount of Fund	\$2,000 75
Dr.	
8. Balance due Fund	\$26 91
8. Interest to date	\$94 20
	<u>\$121 11</u>
Cr.	
11. By amount prize paid for award of Committee	\$200 00
Sundry charges	1 00
	<u>\$201 00</u>
Balance due Fund	\$79 11

SEMINARY CLASS 1892 PRIZE FUND

8. Amount of Fund	\$479 56
Dr.	
8. Interest to May 8, 1903	\$23 97
Cr.	
By amount paid Prize per award Committee	\$20 00
Charges	50
	<u>\$20 50</u>
Balance due Fund	\$3 47
8. Balance due added to principal	\$3 47
	<u>\$43 03</u>

JAMES T. METZ PRIZE FUND

1. Amount of Fund	\$2,000 00
Interest bearing from April 1, 1903.	

JOHN L. REEGL FUND

Amount of Fund	\$15,680 00
All interest on this Fund is accounted for in the Treasurer's account of current expenses of the Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1903.	

JACOB FORNEY LIBRARY ALGONE FUND

Amount of Fund	\$1,000 00
Dr.	
1. Balance due Fund	\$46 52
Interest to Oct. 1, 1903	45 00
	<u>\$91 52</u>
Cr.	
By amount paid per vouchers to Oct. 1, 1903	\$48 67
Balance due Fund, Oct. 1, 1903	\$42 85

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND

		Amount of Fund	\$1.00
1903.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund	\$94 78
		Interest to Oct. 1, 1903	45 00
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		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1903	\$139 78

HENRY WIRT ALCOVE FUND.

		Amount of Fund	\$1.00
1902.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund	\$42 64
1903.			
Sept.	9.	Interest to Oct. 1, 1903	45 00
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			\$87 64

CR.

1902.			
Nov.	10.	By bills paid per vouchers	\$17 20
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		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1903	\$70 44

1894.

SEMINARY CLASS '94 ALCOVE FUND.

July	1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of Treasurer for collection	\$98
1903.		Dr.	
Sept.	9.	Amount of notes paid to date	\$503 00
Sept.	9.	Unpaid notes in Treasurer's hands	478 00
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			\$98
1903.			
Oct.	1.	Interest in hands of Treasurer as Cr., on Fund	\$81 22

LECTURE FUND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1902.		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	Balance due Fund	\$11 56
1903.		CR.	
Mar.	12.	By check to C. K. Staudt, Treas.	\$11 77
		Amount Dr. brought down	11 56
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		Balance due Treasurer	21

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

		Amount of Fund	\$ 4.00
		Interest bearing from April 1, 1903.	

1903.

PITTSBURG PROFESSORSHIP FUND.

Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund	\$30.50
		Dr.	
Oct.	1.	Interest received on same to date	\$1,815 00
		CR.	
Oct.	1.	Interest paid Wm. Rupp, D.D.	1,815 00

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1902.			
Oct. 8.	Amount received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	\$141 90	
Oct. 11.	Amount Received Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treas.	85 75	
Oct. 16.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	95 00	
Oct. 17.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	15 00	
Oct. 30.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, J. J. Nissley, Treas.	80 00	
1903.			
Apr. 14.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich, Treas.	73 00	
Apr. 25.	Amount Received Pittsburgh Synod, Rev. D. H. Leader, Treas.	425 00	
May 5.	Amount Received A. Swenck, Norris-town, Pa.	2 33	
May 5.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich, Treas.	88 66	
May 6.	Amount Received North Carolina Classis, M. J. Rowe, Treas.	25 00	
May 29.	Amount Received Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod	52 49	
June 3.	Amount Received Potomac Synod, Geo. N. Forney, Treas.	344 98	
June 6.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich	464 06	
Sept. 5.	Amount Received Eastern Synod, S. M. Gingrich	36 60	
		<hr/>	\$1,929 77
1903.	CR.		
Sept. 12.	By interest paid to Endowment Fund account to Oct. 1, 1903	\$495 68	
Sept. 29.	By balance Seminary Aid Fund charged to Treasurer and accounted for in his Current Expense account	1,434 09	
		<hr/>	\$1,929 77

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

October 1, 1903.

1902.	Endowment Fund, general	\$95,948 26	
Oct. 25.	Received from Wilhelm Estate	383 67	
	Total General Fund	\$96,331 93	
	Endowment Fund, special, J. Riegel..	\$15,680 00	
	Endowment Fund, special, W. A. Wilt,	833 33	
	Total Endowment Fund Eastern Synod.....	\$112,845 26	
	Library Fund	1,819 96	
	Smaltz Fund	5,000 00	
	Class '92 Prize Fund	483 03	
	Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75	
	Jacob Forney Alcove Fund	1,000 00	
	Henry Wirt Alcove Fund	1,000 00	
	A. Keiser and C. W. Schriver Alcove Fund..	1,000 00	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Board to Examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we attended to the duty assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,

JOHN W. APPEL,

Committee.

Oct. 3, 1903.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the late commencement of Franklin and Marshall College the following degrees were conferred:

A.B.

Guy Wilfred Bange,
Paul Shupe Barnhart,
Harry Andrews Bell,
Harry Murray Bitner,
Guy Pearce Bready,
Thomas Jacob Bright,
Calvin Austin Brown,
Jonas Franklin Bucher,
George Charles Clever,
William Martin Diefenderfer,
Whitel Morton Edwards,
Joseph Albert Eyler,
John Franklin Frantz,
William Seibert Gerhard,
Alfred Jasper Herman,
Edward Augustus G. Herman,
Levi Valmore Hetrick,
Frank Knode Hoffman,
John Adam Hollinger,

Norman Huffman,
Thomas Marcus Kressley,
Alvin Boyd Kuhn,
John Frank Marshall,
Elmer Paul Reiff,
Frederick Michael Richards,
John Nevin Schaeffer,
Edward Charles Seitz,
James Monroe Shellenberger,
Edmund Kailor Shroyer,
Wildy Victor Singer,
Aaron M. Snyder,
Elam Jacob Snyder,
Henry Moyer Snyder,
Claude Urban Stottlemeyer,
Oliver Retledge Strunk,
John Stanley Ulsh,
Harry Bomberger White,
Levi Nevin Wilson,

Calvin Arthur Ziegler.

Ph.B.

Edgar Joseph Stein.

The degree of A. M. in course was conferred upon the following graduates of the College:

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, '75.
Mr. Abraham C. Kimler, '81.
Frederick Clement Moyer, '84.
Albert L. G. Hay, Esq., '88.
William M. Hollowbush, Esq., '93.
Rev. A. F. Nace, '94.
Rev. Moses A. Kieffer, '96.
Rev. Samuel H. Stein, '96.
Chas. G. Baker, Esq., '97.
Harold F. Diefenderfer, '98.

Rev. Henry L. Fogleman, '98.
H. W. Weidner, '98.
Rev. Frank K. Baker, '99.
Aaron W. Longenecker, '99.
Cyrus W. Fridy, '00.
A. Roswell Gilbert, '00.
Frank N. Hoffmeier, M. D., '00.
Rev. Harry W. Miller, '00.
M. W. Reed, M.D., '00.
W. B. Stottlemeyer, '00.

The following honorary degrees were conferred:

D.D. In Absentia

Rev. William C. Schaeffer,
Rev. Walter Russell Breed,
Rev. J. Ritchie Smith,
Rev. T. J. Hacker,

Rev. Prof. Frank Grether,
Plymouth, Wis.
Rev. Wm. E. Hoy,
Yochow, Hunan, China.

Litt. D.

Frank R. Diffenderfer,

David McN. Stauffer.

In Absentia, Lloyd Mifflin.

Sci. D.

Joseph S. Harris,

W. Wilberforce Deatrick.
Elwood L. Kemp.

LL.D.

Martin G. Brumbaugh, University of Pennsylvania.

In Absentia, Hon. John Stewart.

The college year, so far as the internal working of the institution is concerned, was an uneventful one. There were no serious cases of discipline, and the instruction of the class room was carried forward without interruption. In addition to this a good deal of outside work was done so as to keep the institution in touch with the community, secure new students, etc. This was done by means of correspondence, lectures, sermons, addresses and personal interviews. These efforts, and the celebration of the semi-centennial of the College, warranted the expectation of increased interest and larger attendance. It is pleasant to say that these expectations have been fully realized and that the outlook for the future in this respect is very encouraging. At the beginning of the Fall term of the present year there were enrolled 47 Freshmen and special students, 9 Sophomores, 2 Juniors and 5 Seniors, making a total of 63. The enrollment at the present time is 175.

A course of four lectures was given before the students during the past year by Revs. Drs. Walter Russell Breed, J. W. Meminger, N. C. Schaeffer, and John W. Appel, Esq. These lectures were greatly appreciated and proved both interesting and helpful to the students.

Important improvements were made in the old college buildings and on the grounds. Those made on the Williamson Athletic Field were especially noticeable. Some of the great annoyances to which the professors and students were heretofore subject have thus been removed, and a larger degree of decency and comfort secured, the influence of which cannot but be beneficial.

Prof. John Quincy Adams, who was last year appointed professor of oratory and assistant in English, and Mr. John G. Chalmers, physical instructor and director of the gymnasium, handed in their resignations, and in their place the Board of

Trustees, through their committees, appointed Prof. John M. Chambers and Mr. D. R. Brown respectively to these positions. Prof. H. H. Beck continues to serve as assistant professor in chemistry, and Dr. Charles P. Stahr, as lecturer on human anatomy and bacteriology and assistant to Prof. Schiedt in histology.

During the year a vacancy occurred in the Board of Trustees on account of the death of Calvin M. Bower, Esq., a valued member of that body. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Jared Harper, of Bellefonte, Pa. The term of service of Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., and B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., members of the Board of Trustees from the Eastern Synod, and that of Rev. William C. Schaeffer, D.D., of the Potomac Synod, expires this year. It is incumbent upon the respective Synods to fill these vacancies by an election at their annual session in October.

The finances of the College, as was to be anticipated, show a larger deficit for the past year than for the previous year. In the first place, the expenditures for salaries, janitor service, fuel, gas and electricity were necessarily larger under the new conditions. In the next place, improvements at the main college building had become imperatively necessary, and these involved an outlay of \$1,603.21. In addition to this sum, uninvested sums were temporarily used to pay the indebtedness of the Science Building, and thus a portion of interest was lost. The Treasurer reports the net expenses at \$25,172.17. The income, not including contributions, is \$19,033.48. This leaves a deficit of \$6,138.69. The expenses, however, include an item of \$1,000 which the College paid for the Rathvon collection of Coleoptera. This amount had been previously contributed for the purpose by Dr. Henry Bobb, of East Greenville, Pa.

The Science Building indebtedness gave the President a great deal of concern during the year. It was keenly felt that the amounts pledged should be speedily paid so that the conditional pledges also might be redeemed and the payment of interest stopped. The matter was presented to the three Synods in October last, and they all took favorable action looking to the final removal of the whole indebtedness. The Pittsburgh Synod has paid into the treasury \$5,663.20, which together with \$628.50 in pledges still due will make its full amount of \$12,000. The Potomac Synod paid \$5,000, which will discharge its amount of \$12,000 when an unpaid pledge of \$30.25 still due is redeemed. The committee of the Eastern Synod has been doing some work during the year and \$517.50 have been paid in on a pledge of \$2,000 which was expected to be raised in East Susquehanna Classis. The sums pledged and not yet paid into the treasury amount to about \$15,500, so that there

ought to be raised to discharge the whole indebtedness on the Science Building about \$6,000 in the Eastern Synod. This amount is needed because the furnishing of the building, the grading of the ground and the construction of walks added considerably to the cost of the building, and meanwhile interest on borrowed money has been accumulating. It is of the highest importance, therefore, that this matter should be speedily adjusted.

During the past year the fixtures for electric lighting in the Science Building were presented by Messrs. Watt & Shand, of Lancaster, at a cost of \$500. The ladies of the faculty and friends in Lancaster have undertaken to furnish the reception room in the Science Building, which adds greatly to its appearance and to the comfort of visitors. The Linnaean Society is engaged in moving its collection into the Museum room of the Science Building. The Literary Societies have presented their collection of minerals, etc., to the Museum. Recently a set of Japanese armor and other Japanese curios were presented by Rev. Paul Lambert Gerhard, and a fine assortment of roses was planted in front of the Science Building by Mr. George B. Willson, of Lancaster, Pa.

A very valuable collection of terrestrial shells, valued at \$3,000, containing between six and seven thousand varieties, or about 16,000 specimens, carefully labeled, together with a conchological library valued at \$400, has been presented to the College by Miss Eliza E. Smith, of Lancaster City. The collection was made and arranged by the Rev. Dr. A. B. Kendig, of Brookline, Mass., and is the life work of an enthusiastic collector, showing a high degree of industry, patience, skill and ability.

Dr. M. W. Raub, of Lancaster City, has donated his beautiful and valuable collection of birds to the College. He has also a large collection of insects which will go with the ornithological collection. As these treasures in the Museum are accumulating (and there are other valuable gifts in store for us) it becomes imperatively necessary to have a curator who will look after the interests of the Museum and keep the different collections in proper order. Dr. M. W. Raub has been elected to this position and we feel confident that he will render efficient service to the College. We have also received an intimation that before long another valuable contribution will be made to the College as a memorial to a deceased former student, but this matter has not advanced far enough to make a definite statement as to the form which the memorial will take. I have reason to believe that it will be on a generous scale.

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the College was an event of far-reaching significance and importance. The large

attendance and enthusiasm of the alumni and friends of the College, the notable addresses of the celebration, and especially those made by the representatives of other colleges and universities, the impressive exercises and ceremonials of commencement, all helped to make a profound impression. The celebration spoke of the past; it brought to light the respect and love for the College which are cherished by the community; and it has a significant bearing on the future, serving both to encourage and to stimulate all those who are actively engaged in promoting the welfare and prosperity of our beloved institution. It is a matter for profound gratitude that there was such widespread interest in the celebration and that the desire to make it a success was so universal. The thanks of the College are due to the alumni and friends in general who contributed to the success of this undertaking, but it would be unjust not to refer in terms of warmest appreciation to the generosity, zeal and devotion of the local committee, the indefatigable labors of its chairman and his associates, the liberality of the citizens of Lancaster, the splendid labors of Professors Hiester, Heller and Hartman, and the grand work of Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, whose efforts helped to shape the movement from the beginning and whose unwearied labors contributed not a little to the splendid results which followed. The Rev. Miles O. Noll, of Carlisle, Pa., whose services were secured by the committee and members of the Board of Trustees to assist in working up an interest in the celebration and make the necessary preparations for it, rendered very effective service during the short time he was at work and his labors are gratefully appreciated.

Special attention is called to the History of the College written by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, and the catalogue of officers and students prepared by Mr. Samuel H. Ranck. These works are monuments of industry which have received very flattering notice on all sides. They reflect great credit upon their authors and upon the College and compare favorably with similar publications issued by the larger colleges and universities of the country.

It is felt on all sides that the most urgent need of the College now is an increase of the endowment. Efforts were made during the past year to get the movement in favor of such an increase properly started, and such preparatory steps were taken as the circumstances made possible. The time has come for a division of labor in the administration of affairs and a vigorous prosecution of the work of the College in the field. The question of relieving the president of a portion of the burdens and labors which he has been carrying was presented to the Board of Trustees and a committee was appointed by the Board with plenary powers to make such readjustment and arrange-

ment as the circumstances called for. This committee has taken steps to redistribute work at home and secure a vigorous canvass abroad. Professor Edwin M. Hartman has been appointed assistant to the president for the special purpose of keeping the College in touch with the community and prospective students and to push the effort now made to raise \$150,000 as an addition to the endowment of the College. As is well known, generous pledges toward a larger endowment were made at the last commencement and the movement is gathering volume from week to week. The pledges and contributions of the Golden Jubilee movement up to this time amount to about \$33,000, including a contribution of \$5,000 as an additional endowment to the Daniel Scholl Observatory, by Mrs. Margaret E. M. Hood, and a gift of \$10,000 by a friend whose name is withheld by request.

It is of the utmost importance, now, that the strength and enthusiasm of the alumni and friends of the College should be thrown into this endowment movement. Such an effort successfully carried out will not only secure the greatest possible benefit to the College, but it will also carry with it incidentally a great many other things essential to the advancement and prosperity of the College. In this way, with God's blessing, the fruits of the Golden Jubilee will be as significant for the future as they are helpful and encouraging in the present.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. STAHR, *Pres. F. and M. College.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education reports that the following documents have been placed in its hands for consideration:

1. The Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; the Catalogue of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.; the Catalogue of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.
2. The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
3. The report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.
4. The report of Rev. Dr. John S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College.

5. The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

6. The report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

7. The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

8. The report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac.

1. From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that forty-eight students were in attendance during the last year. Of this number twenty-four completed the prescribed course. Their examinations were satisfactory. They were granted the usual testimonial and referred to their respective Classes for examination and licensure.

The attention of the Synod is called to the deficit in the income of the Seminary which now amounts to \$7,646.28, and which will be increased by necessary expenses. This Synod is requested to appropriate \$800 toward the payment of the annual expenses of the Seminary, and also to provide the sum of \$250 for the part payment of the salary of a professor of oratory.

Your committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod assumes the sum of \$1,050 requested for the necessities of the Theological Seminary, and that this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

Resolved, That the attention of all the pastors in this Synod be called to the imperative necessity of increasing the endowment fund of the Seminary and that they be urged to co-operate with the faculty of the Seminary in seeking gifts and bequests for this object.

2. Franklin and Marshall College during the past year, this, the oldest literary institution of our Church, celebrated the semi-centennial of its founding. It was an event of far-reaching significance and importance, and it gave an impetus to the work for the College, serving both to encourage and stimulate all those who are engaged in promoting its welfare and prosperity. The report shows an increased number of students, and pledges and contributions amounting to \$33,000. The enlarging of the work of the College involves increased expenses to meet which the present endowment is not sufficient. There is a deficit reported amounting to \$6,138. It is of the utmost importance that the enthusiasm aroused by the celebration of the Golden Jubilee shall not be allowed to die out and that the great work of this College as an educational factor in the life of our Church be kept before the membership of our Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly commend this institution of learning to the liberal support and patronage of our people.

4. *Resolved*, That the pastors and elders of this Synod be urged to heartily co-operate with the faculty and representatives of this College in their efforts to increase its endowment.

MERCERSBURG ACADEMY.

The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College brings us the most cheering news of its continued prosperity. The report shows an enrollment of 327 students, 30 being turned away for want of accommodation. By the end of this school year improvements will have been made at a cost of \$120,000, with an indebtedness of \$20,000. The net receipts for the past year were \$11,091.

5. *Resolved*, That we are grateful to our heavenly Father for the blessing which He has granted to this institution of learning.

6. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the indefatigable industry and ability of the President of this College, Dr. William M. Irvine, to whose labors the upbuilding of the College is most largely due.

7. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend Mercersburg College to the support and patronage of our people.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE, FREDERICK, MD.

From the report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College, Frederick, Md., we note that the institution has completed its first decade in carrying out the policy for which Synod designed it. Each year of this period has shown a healthy growth. The past year has in some respects been the most successful. The whole number of students enrolled was 161. The total receipts were \$286.86 more than the total expenses. There was a slight increase in the endowment fund now amounting to \$24,620.43. All the buildings now at the disposal of the College are crowded. Good financial management has enabled the institution to increase its equipment, meet its current expenses and give its patrons more than full value for their investment.

8. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the faithfulness and the ability with which the president of this institution has prosecuted his work and to whom, under the blessing of our heavenly Father, the success of the College is due.

9. *Resolved*, That the Synod instructs the Classes to hold, within the bounds of each charge or group of charges, educational meetings at which the education of women shall be discussed and the claims of our institutions of learning be presented.

10. *Resolved*, That the Woman's College is commended to the interest and patronage of the membership of our Synod.

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CATAWBA COLLEGE.

This is the Church's Southern institution and deserves the hearty support of the Synod. The last annual catalogue shows that one hundred and eighty-five pupils were enrolled last year and the report of the trustees shows that one hundred and thirty-five are in attendance at present—twenty-three more than at the corresponding time last year.

The school is greatly in need of better equipment, larger buildings and a greater endowment fund. The indebtedness of the College at present is about \$4,000. As the larger part of this indebtedness arises from the failure of Synod to pay the amount apportioned for Catawba, we, your committee, would recommend the following action:

11. *Resolved*, That we recognize in Catawba College a great opportunity for the Synod to strengthen its work in the South, and that we commend the institution anew to the hearty support of our people.

12. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be urged to pay their apportionment for Catawba College in full, in view of the pressing needs of the institution.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

This report conveys to us the condition of that part of our church work known as beneficiary education. The small number of students under the care of the Board, the tardiness with which money apportioned for this purpose has been paid into the treasury of the Board, and the sum needed to meet present appropriations are items which call for special consideration.

It will be necessary at this meeting to elect five members of the Board, three for three years, one for two years to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, and one to serve one year, the unexpired term of Rev. S. U. Waugaman.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions for adoption:

13. *Resolved*, That Classes are hereby requested to instruct pastors to preach one special sermon to their congregations emphasizing the claims of our Church upon young men for the Christian ministry and to seek out and encourage young men of special talent and piety to consecrate themselves to this noble calling.

14. *Resolved*, That the Classes of this Synod instruct pastors to pay into the treasuries of the several Classes early in the year the amounts apportioned for beneficiary education.

15. *Resolved*, That \$1,800 be referred by this Synod to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

Endowment of Woman's College.

The committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., under item 5 of the report on Minutes of Synod reported verbally that, under the direction of Prof. Joseph H. Apple, the only work attempted was to keep the matter before the attention of the Classes, through the member of the committee in each Classis.

Science Building.

The committee appointed to devise plans and means to secure the \$5,000 assumed, item 7 of the report on Minutes of Synod, for the Science Building at Lancaster, Pa., reported. The report was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to raise \$5,000 for the Science Building begs leave to report that early this year your committee met and organized at Mechanicsburg, Pa., and adopted a plan for raising the money. This plan was to appeal to individuals in the different charges for sums of five and ten dollars, or more, and to ask the pastors of the different charges to cooperate with the members in this work by soliciting such sums in their own charges or by designating such men as might be appealed to for help.

The only contribution that has thus far come in is the sum of \$30 from the member of the committee from Maryland Classis. This amount has been forwarded to Treasurer Forney. The expenses of your committee amounted to \$14.75, which amount Mr. Forney paid. Respectfully submitted.

A. CONYER.

Second Member of Committee.

The above report was referred to a special committee, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., E. S. Hay and Elder J. A. Diehl, who subsequently presented the following report, which was received, read and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of raising the \$5,000 which the Trustees of the Synod borrowed to pay the deficit on the Science Building of Franklin and Marshall College, begs leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully considered the whole subject: we feel the importance of speedily cancelling the debt which has been thus incurred; but we are of the opinion that it is necessary for us to adopt some different measures from that adopted a year ago, if the money is to be raised. A large committee is unwieldy and inefficient. Besides, pastors engaged in their regular work can scarcely be expected to take the time needed for this work. We therefore recommend:

1. That an agent be appointed to whom this matter be committed.

2. That this agent be paid a suitable salary and necessary traveling expenses.

Inasmuch as the Synod is in arrears on its interest on Catawba College; inasmuch as \$14,388.33 is still needed to complete the \$17,000 which the Synod undertook to raise for the College; and inasmuch as it seems to your committee possible to combine these two objects in one canvass, and thus discharge the obligation of the Synod in both directions, we further recommend:

3. That the sum of \$5,000 be added to the \$14,388.33, making \$19,388.33, and that we make strenuous efforts during the coming year to raise the entire amount.

Inasmuch as Catawba College is interested equally with the Synod in the success of this project, we recommend:

4. That a committee of three be appointed who shall in conjunction with the Trustees of Catawba College have power to appoint such agent and fix his compensation.

5. That the expenses incurred by this canvass be divided between the Synod and Catawba College proportionately, and that the canvass be limited to one year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in item 4 of the above report consists of Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., G. A. Snyder and Elder John A. Diehl.

Catawba College.

The Special Committee to whom item 2, Overtures, was referred, presented its report on Monday afternoon. The report was read and adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: You special committee appointed to consider the overtures of the Executive Committee of Catawba College, to borrow the amount of interest in arrears, beg leave to offer the following report:

From the Treasurer's report we find that there was paid in the annual interest during the year \$845.87, leaving a balance of \$154.13. This deficiency added to the previous deficit of \$2,500 would make the total amount in arrears of interest \$2,654.13.

Your committee would suggest the following action:

In view of the fact that in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, which has already been adopted, the de-

Linquent Classes are urgently requested to meet their respective deficits; therefore be it

Resolved, That the request to borrow the above amount of \$2,654.13 be not granted but that the Synod pledges itself to pay the interest on this deficit for one year or until the next annual meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That said interest be paid out of the Contingent Fund of Synod and that the sum of \$160 be referred to the Finance Committee to be included in the apportionment for the Contingent Fund. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Chairman*.

The Board of Education was instructed to organize a system of scholarships through which the students under its care may be enabled to earn their way at College and Seminary, and thus develop self-help among those preparing for the holy ministry.

At the election of the several Boards of the Synod held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius were elected members of the Board of Education for three years; Rev. S. H. Stein for two years, and Rev. P. A. DeLong for one year; Rev. I. N. Peightel, Elders E. J. Bonebrake, J. Gassman were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College for a term of three years; Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., for two years, and Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., for one year; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Director of Woman's College for five years; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for ten years.

At the same time the following persons were nominated for memberships in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Revs. J. C. Leonard, C. B. Heller, and Messrs. L. R. Whitener, J. C. Lipard, L. Everhart and M. J. Rowe.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, 1906; Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, S. H. Stein, 1905; Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., S. U. Wangaman, P. A. DeLong, 1904.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Rev. I. N. Peightel and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and J. Gassman, 1906; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Pahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., 1905; Revs.

C. A. Santee, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., and Elder A. R. Schnebley, 1904.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1907; Elder W. H. Lakin, 1906; Elder A. C. McCardell, 1905; Elder J. Gassman, 1904.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., and Lewis Robb, 1906; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., and J. W. Santee, D.D., 1904.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Elders S. N. Hench and I. Laucks, 1908; Elders J. H. Schriver and J. B. Shulenberger, 1906; Elders J. H. Cost and E. A. Shulenberger, 1904.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; J. W. Wetzol, Esq., 1909; Geo. N. Forney, 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, a communication from the General Board of Home Missions, containing report of Rev. C. S. Slagle, treasurer of the Washington Church Building Fund, together with action of said Board thereon, the report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to-wit:

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The Bi-Synodic Board of Missions is now composed of the following members: Rev. C. A. Santee, President; Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., Secretary; Elder J. J. Nissley, Treasurer; Revs. E. R. Deatrick, J. F. Moyer, W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., L. E. Coblentz, N. H. Skyles, J. D. Miller, T. J. Hacker, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., and C. B. Schneider

The Board has tried to do the work committed to its care to the best of its ability and for the best interests of the Church. The annual meeting was held in the Spring, at which time the roll of missions was carefully reviewed and recommendations were made to the General Board. In addition to this, quarterly meetings have been held by the Executive Council of the Board for the transaction of such business as claimed attention. Through these meetings, at which the reports from the missions were brought before us, we have kept in close touch with the work, knowing the needs and the prospects of the missions under our care.

The Treasurer's report is herewith submitted as a part of this report. This gives in detail the receipts and expenditures during the year. We note with much gratitude the growing work of home missions. The Lord opens new doors of usefulness and activity, and is laying upon us as a Church greater responsibilities, and through the increased liberality of our people we shall be enabled to meet them; and new opportunities are offered, for we have not yet reached the limit of our ability.

The following new missions within our bounds have been enrolled: Passaic, N. J., South River, N. J., and Mt. Carmel, Pa. These three are Hungarian. Also Greensboro, N. C., Le-noir, N. C., and Oak Lane, Pa.

The Board has noted the request of Potomac Synod with regard to the recommendation of points for starting new work, and has been careful to select only such as are promising.

The trust funds under the care of the Board have been carefully used. With the aid of these funds our missions have been assisted and brought forward toward the time when they shall become self-supporting.

With regret we note the death of two members of the Board, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., and Elder C. M. Power. The Board feels the loss of these men, whose wise judgment and counsel were of great use in our deliberations. Suitable resolutions were passed and were sent to the families of the deceased, and were also published in the Church papers.

We call the attention of the Eastern Synod to the vacancies occasioned by the death of these members.

The Potomac Synod will note that the term of Rev. C. A. Santee expires April 1, 1904.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. SENTER, *President,*

EDWIN M. KREMER, *Secretary.*

II.—Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	\$1,696 94	
Tohickon Classis	1,634 11	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,989 42	
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,551 00	
Lebanon Classis	1,475 04	
Lancaster Classis	1,902 04	
Schuylkill Classis	1,253 95	
East Susquehanna Classis	1,359 56	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,372 21	
Lehigh Classis	3,115 00	
Wyoming Classis	1,384 65	
Reading Classis	1,647 23	
		\$21,381

From Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	\$2,764 11	
Mercersburg Classis	935 65	
Virginia Classis	540 00	
Zion's Classis	660 13	
Juniata Classis	1,613 30	
Gettysburg Classis	350 00	
North Carolina Classis	455 48	
Carlisle Classis	817 01	
		\$ 8,135

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Interest on Gerhard Fund	\$ 12 00	
Elder E. H. Burkholder, Farmersville, Pa.	50 00	
Elder Lewis E. Shriver, Union Mills, Md.	25 00	
Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D.,	10 00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, for High Point, N. C.	435 00	
St. Clairsville charge, Juniata Classis	10 82	
White Deer charge, Rev. A. Noll	17 81	
C. E. Society, Mt. Alto, Pa., Miss Wiestling.	3 00	
J. W. S., Philadelphia	20 00	
Christ's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	263 55	
Sulphur Springs charge, Sunday-school.	2 32	
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	4 39	
St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg, Va.	12 00	
Mrs. Amanda Wagner, interest on legacy.	100 00	
St. John's, Middlebrook charge, Va.	10 15	
Women's Classical Miss. Society, N. C. Classis.	18 00	
C. E. Society and Congregation, Loysburg, Pa.	4 00	
Congregation and Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa. ..	303 19	
Meeting of Lancaster Classis, Hummelstown, Pa. ...	7 13	
Sunday-school, Shepherdstown, W. Va.	12 75	
Miss Mary E. Santee	200 00	
Rev. Dr. G. L. Staley	6 00	

Mrs. Susan Griffith	5 00
Missionary Society, First Church, Lancaster, Pa.	20 00
Missionary Society, Hanover, Pa.	100 00
Elder Henry Gable	100 00
Elder Jacob Rader, Easton, Pa.	15 00
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	\$ 1,205 11

In Response to Request by General Synod at Baltimore, Md.

Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.	\$ 71 72
Sunday-school, Gettysburg	14 58
St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa.	5 20
Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20 00
Marion, Pa.	18 41
St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg, Va.	18 00
Sunday-school, Hummelstown, Pa.	17 27
Grace Sunday-school, Altoona, Pa.	11 00
Sunday-school, Newton, N. C.	11 00
Bethel congregation, East Rowan charge, N. C.	3 05
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	\$ 191 47
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	\$31,505 41

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board.....\$31,505 41

For Hungarian Missions.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis. \$	30 00
Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Treas., Mercersburg Cl. .	140 00
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis.	209 50
St. Clairsville charge, Pa.	50 00
St. James congregation, New Gilead charge, N. C. .	2 42
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis	140 00
Rev. W. H. Groh, Treas. Carlisle Classis.	68 65
E. A. Rice, Treas. Zion's Classis.	131 00
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod.	590 35
S. M. Gingrich, Treas. Eastern Synod	1,971 67
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	\$ 3,333 50

For Harbor Mission.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis. \$	10 00
Elder Geo. N. Forney, Treas. Potomac Synod.	11 00
Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Treas. Mercersburg Cl. .	20 00
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis.	24 00
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treas. Carlisle Classis	5 53
Women's Classical Miss. Soc., N. C. Classis.	11 00
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis.	25 00
Rev. W. H. Groh, Treas. Carlisle Classis	7 13
E. A. Rice, Treas. Zion's Classis.	14 29
J. J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod	78 04
S. M. Gingrich, Treas. Eastern Synod.	336 45
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	\$ 542 44

For German Missions.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis. \$	10 00
Geo. N. Forney, Treas. Potomac Synod	55 22
Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Treas. Mercersburg Cl. .	95 00

Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas. Maryland Classis.....	199 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treas. Juniata Classis.....	130 00	
E. A. Rice, Treas. Zion's Classis.....	78 73	
John J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod.....	196 83	
S. M. Gingrich, Treas. Eastern Synod.....	1,228 72	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,993 50
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		\$5,869 53

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer	\$ 5,869 53
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DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Zion's, Allentown, Pa., for Palatinate Mis. Phila..\$	25 00	
West Susquehanna Classis, for Rev. J. R. Dudycha, Chicago, Ill.	5 70	
Reading Classis, for Trinity, Dengler.....	50 00	
Hill Church Miss. Soc., for Salisbury, N. C.....	10 00	
St. Luke's, Pleasant Hill, Missionary Society, for Calvary, Philadelphia	10 00	
Mt. Gilead charge, N. C., for Bohemian church, Chicago	2 75	
North Carolina Classis, for Lenoir Mission.....	50 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Mt. Bethel Mission....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 203 45

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Paid as designated	\$ 203 45
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CHURCH BUILDING.

Balance in Treasury September 27, 1902.....		\$ 5,373 92
Schuylkill Classis	\$ 134 00	
Reading Classis	375 00	
Tohickon Classis	299 63	
Lebanon Classis	235 72	
Lancaster Classis	242 19	
West Susquehanna Classis	296 00	
Lehigh Classis	255 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	183 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	345 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	115 86	
Philadelphia Classis	140 32	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,621 72

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Trone and Schmidt Fund	\$ 80 00	
Archie Campbell Shuford Fund	500 00	
Sunday-school, Second Church, Reading, Pa.....	400 00	
Josiah Griffith Fund	237 50	
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		\$9,213 14

LOANS REPAYED.

Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	\$ 200 00
First Church, Lexington, N. C.	450 00
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	700 00
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	400 00
Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.	585 00
St. Paul's, Roanoke, Va.	400 00

Faith Church, Salisbury, N. C.	460 00	
Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa.	1,000 00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.	100 00	
First, High Point, N. C.	100 00	
Hungarian, South Norwalk, Conn.	125 00	
Heidelberg, Thomasville, N. C.	20 00	
Hungarian, Trenton, N. J.	100 00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	500 00	
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		\$14,353 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treas. for Church-building.....	\$2,621 72	
Loan to Lenoir, N. C.	500 00	
Loan to Grace Church, Baltimore, Md.	2,500 00	
Loan to Hungarian Church, Phoenixville, Pa.....	500 00	
Loan to Trinity Church, Lewistown, Pa.	3,000 00	
Loan to First Church, Greensboro, N. C.	1,200 00	
Balance in Treasury September 28, 1903.....	4,031 42	
	<hr/>	\$14,353 14

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in Treasury September 27, 1902.....	\$ 2,011 72	
First Church, Lexington, N. C.	\$ 6 01	
Dividends, York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy....	43 76	
Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.	140 51	
St. Paul's, Roanoke, Va.	87 50	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	95 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas. Church-building.....	200 00	
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.	34 00	
Maryland Classis	72 50	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	24 00	
Grace, Allentown	64 00	
First Church, High Point, N. C.	15 00	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	71 16	
Heidelberg, Thomasville, N. C.	9 00	
Trinity, Altoona, Pa.	5 00	
Calvary, Scranton, Pa.	100 00	
St. Peter's, Parryville, Pa.	50 00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.	150 00	
Christ Church, Packerton, Pa.	10 00	
Maryland Classis	72 50	
Zion's Church, Marietta, Pa.	25 00	
Reformed Church, Burlington, N. C.	15 00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	73 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,362 94
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		\$3,374 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Recording Power of Attorney, Palatinate, Phila...\$	2 25
Tax on Baltimore Mortgages	16 79
Recording Release, Scranton Property.....	1 75
Traveling Expenses of the Board and Postage.....	76 42
Salary of the Secretary.....	75 00

Salary of the Treasurer.....	75 00	
Balance in Treasury.....	3,127 45	
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HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 28, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer*.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 28, 1903.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,

JAMES C. THOMPSON.

III.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: It becomes our duty again to make a report to you of the condition of the Home Missionary work under the care of General Synod's Board for the year ending September 30, 1903. In many respects the last year has been the most successful one in the history of our Church. There has been a gradual awakening in the Church to the importance of the work and the responsibilities that rest upon us, as a denomination, in doing our part in the evangelization of the masses in this country. This is one of the hopeful signs of the times for us as a people—and we may be allowed to say that this fact makes the future the more hopeful for us.

NEW ENROLLMENT.—The number of new missions enrolled during the year was much larger than any one had a right to expect at the beginning of the year. A year ago the outlook was not very assuring. We were then heavily in debt and there were no special evidences that the debt would be greatly reduced in the near future. But God put it into the hearts of the people to do better things for the cause of the Master. There has been a manifest awakening and the Board was enabled to enroll a number of new fields. Last year, when the report was made to the Synods we had ninety-eight missions on the roll. On April 1, 1903, a few became self-supporting—one was dropped and two were consolidated. Since then a number have been added, so that we now have one hundred and four on the roll.

THE MISSIONS.—Never were our missions in better condition. Only three are vacant. Three of those enrolled in April will be organized in October, or as soon as men can be gotten. All the German-English missions were transferred to the German Boards on April first. Of the new missions, all will be found in growing towns and large cities. We are now doing an important city work. We have a good class of men as our

missionary pastors. They are able and devoted to their work. The missions, with a very few exceptions, are making good progress. We, however, find it difficult to keep the missions supplied with pastors on account of the scarcity of ministers.

HUNGARIAN.—When the new mission at Lorain, Ohio, has made its formal transfer to our church, with Bella Basso as its pastor, we will have twelve missions among these interesting people. We now have a prospect of getting a pastor soon to supply all these fields. During the year the Board established the office of "Traveling Hungarian Missionary." This was deemed absolutely necessary under existing conditions. It was supposed that there were about 500,000 Hungarians in the country. But later and better investigations assure us that there are at least one million. As many of these people are members of our Church, it behooves us to do a more extensive work among them. In order to do better work, Rev. Stephen P. Harsanyi, now of the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, was given the work of traveling missionary. He is peculiarly well fitted for the work, as he speaks English well. He has been engaged in the work during the summer and is well pleased with the progress made. The Board has also taken steps looking to the education of some young Hungarians—College graduates from Hungary—in the Theological Seminaries in this country. In this way it is felt that we will have men in our missions who will be more in sympathy with our American customs and Church life. The Hungarian missionaries are also directed to seek out intelligent young men from among their membership, who may be educated for the ministry. Lorain, Ohio, Homestead, Pa., and South River, N. J., are the missions lately organized among these people. We must prepare, however, for much additional work.

BOHEMIAN.—We cannot report so favorably on our work among the Bohemians. They are a hard people to deal with because they are under the domination of infidel leaders. Those who do retain their former love for the Church are loyal and earnest, but it seems that the great majority have lost their church life. During the year a new church was erected on the corner of Ashland avenue and Nineteenth street in Chicago. It is a good, solid brick structure, costing, with lot and all, \$7,000. While the work is hard, the Church must however, not be discouraged with it. In fact, greater efforts ought to be put forth in behalf of these people, of whom there are fully 300,000 in the land.

MISSIONARY BULLETIN.—There have come to the Board frequent requests for more definite information on our home work. Facts have been called for—statements of facts have been desired—and not a few requested that a concise and full statement

be made, at intervals, of the work done and proposed to be done. In fact, the Board has at different times been blamed for not letting the Church know more fully of its work. To furnish what was demanded, seemed to require something more than can be given in the regular Church periodicals. In answer to these requests, the Board, at its July meeting, resolved to publish, monthly, a "Bulletin" of mission news from the home field. The initial number was sent out on September 1st, under the title of "The Home Missionary Bulletin of the Reformed Church in the United States." A copy was sent to all English pastors with the request that they should report the number of copies they wish for their charges. Up to date of writing, about 25,000 copies have been ordered monthly. This is to be a missionary paper pure and simple. It will not contain any general news, Church or secular. It will not, therefore, interfere with the regular Church periodicals. The Board believes that this publication will do much good.

FINANCES.—The Board is in better condition now than a year ago, financially. True, there is still an indebtedness, but it is not large. For the quarter ending June 30th, the income of the Board, for all purposes, was over \$34,000. For the month of August, which is usually the duldest month of the year, the amount received for missions was \$3,671.52, and for church building \$467—total, \$4,138.52. This is a great improvement over other years. If the people of the Church will continue to increase their offerings, we will soon come to that period in our history when the apportionments will be paid in full, and then the Board will know just what to depend upon, and the work can be greatly extended.

OF SUPERINTENDENTS, ETC.—On January 1st of this year Rev. A. S. Dechant resigned as Western Superintendent. At the annual meeting in April last the Board rearranged the districts and elected Rev. D. A. Souders, to take the place of Superintendent Dechant. Superintendent Fouse was then directed to take charge of the missions in the Synod of the Interior, in addition to his labors as General Superintendent. Superintendent Souders has charge of the missions in the Pittsburgh and Ohio Synods, while Superintendent Whitmer retains his position in the Synods east of the Alleghanies. In this way this work can be attended to with less travel by these officers. Rev. D. N. Dittmar remains Field Agent. A call has been extended to one of our pastors to become Sunday-school Missionary so that that office will be filled in a short time. The salary is paid by the Sunday-school Board and this Board, each paying half. This Board has also promised to help Allegheny Classis to pay the salary of a City Missionary for Pittsburgh and nearby towns.

CHURCH BUILDING.—This department of the work is prospering. It would be interesting to give the names of those who gave \$500 funds during the year, but it would lengthen this report too much. Treasurer Boush reported at the annual meeting in April that the last was the most prosperous year of any in our history. He reports one hundred and ten \$500 funds belonging to the Board. Add to these, those belonging to the Bi-Synodic Board and we have fully one hundred and fifty. Then, the moneys coming from the apportionments swell the fund to a large sum. The actual money held and invested, amounts to \$155,000. The value of the properties to which the Board loaned money—and the lots held by the Board amounts to fully \$350,000. Let the whole Church push this arm of the work—for without it, this work can hardly be made a success.

APPORTIONMENTS.—The Synods have promised the Board \$60,000 for the English missions. For all the missions, \$74,500. Shall the Board have these promised moneys? Let us hope so. and then set our aim to obtain it. The following are the apportionments:

Synods.	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among Germans.	Church Building.
Eastern	\$32,376	\$492	\$3,460	\$2,126	6 cts. per mem
Potomac	12,450	193	1,138	939	6 " " "
Pittsburgh ..	6,280	91	975	460	6 " " "
Ohio	7,875	125	937	596	6 " " "
Interior	1,075	14	157	94	6 " " "

NOTES.—The Board requests the Synods to impress upon their people the imperative need of paying the apportionments in full.

We again ask the Synods to assume the six cents per member for the Building Fund.

Let the Synods remember that the Board is expected to pay to the German Boards \$4,500. Let the Synods, without fail, pay the apportionment for this cause.

The Synods and Classes should urge the missions to assume the full support of their pastors as quickly as possible.

D. S. FOSTER, *Missionary Supt.*

IV.—Report of Treasurer of Washington Church Building Fund.
To the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: As Treasurer of the Washington Church Building Fund I herewith submit my report of the funds received and also of their disposition.

Total amount received from the Church as per acknowledgment in Church papers	\$36,743 44
Rebate from Cleveland Stone Company	500 00
Miscellaneous	469 49
Total Receipts	<u>\$37,712 93</u>

As chairman of the building committee appointed by Maryland Classis to assist Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., the pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C., in the building of the church, and as Treasurer by appointment of your reverend body, the above amount was paid by the authority and under the direction of the Committee for the construction of the church building, its steam heating, electric lighting, plumbing and exterior artistic work. The stained glass windows and the furniture were provided for by the pastor and congregation and were placed under their direct supervision. Most of these were memorials. The total cost of the church and its furnishings was \$45,080.13; of this amount Grace Church contributed \$6,000, and in addition within the last month paid \$1,000 on the debt of the parsonage, thereby reducing the parsonage debt to \$2,500. Maryland Classis, exclusive of the amount given by Grace Church, contributed over \$7,000. The pledge of \$5,000 made by the Classes of Potomac Synod exclusive of Maryland Classis has been paid in full, as also the pledge of \$10,000 made by the Eastern Synod and nearly all the pledges made by the charges of Pittsburgh Synod. All the expenses connected with the construction and completion of the church building have been met in full. And the accounts of the Treasurer have been audited by the committee above referred to, and found correct.

The committee is as follows: Rev. C. S. Slagle, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. I. M. Motter, Elders A. C. McCardell and John Gassman.

The cornerstone of the church was laid on July 1st, 1902, by his excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D. The church was dedicated on Trinity Sunday, June 7th, 1903; an appropriate address being made by the President of the United States, and the sermon being preached by Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D. The building is fifty-two feet in width and seventy-one feet in length. It is built of Cleveland Lower Canyon greystone. It is constructed throughout of the best material and in a highly mechanical manner. The architecture of the church is purely Gothic. It is not a reproduction but a creation of the architecture to represent the Reformed Church. The entire front of the church is symbolical of the history of our Church. At either side of the main entrance are shields of Zurich and Geneva. Supporting the labial molding of the

Large front window are two heads, the one representing a knight armor, and the other a burgher in the headdress of the sixteenth century. The labial molding leads up to a niche in which a supported shield of Frederick the Elector rests. The apex of the gable consists of the electorate cross. The tympanum over either door in the front of the church contains a representation of lilies among thorns. The interior of the church is simple and beautiful. The moldings throughout are in harmony with the pews and the mahogany furnishings of the chancel.

It is altogether fitting and proper that, inasmuch as the church building was erected by the offerings of the whole Church and is a memorial from the Church at large, it should, in its architecture and design be thoroughly representative of the Reformed Church. The architect, Mr. Paul J. Pels, has by his ability and zeal given us a building most admirably adapted to the purposes which it is intended to subserve. It is a beautiful and unique structure of which the Reformed Church may rightly be proud. The pictures made of it do not give an adequate idea of the beauty of the structure. Within and without it is as beautiful and artistic as it is substantial and comfortable. It stands as a monument to the power and grace of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it represents the history and genius of the Reformed Church.

The hearty and generous response made by the Church to the appeal of your reverend body is an evidence of the fact that the time was at hand for this important movement forward in the permanent establishment of our Church in the nation's capital.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE,

Treasurer of Washington Church Building Fund.

Westminster, Md., Sept. 22d, 1903.

On the above the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church authorized the Rev. C. S. Slagle as its acting Treasurer in the matter of contributions by congregations for the erection of the Grace Memorial Church of Washington, D. C., to act in conjunction with the committee appointed by Maryland Classis, and to have special charge of said contributions: and,

WHEREAS, The erection of the Memorial Church was carried to a successful completion, the report of which is now presented to the Executive Committee of the Board, said report containing an account of moneys received and disbursed, as well as an account of the labors of the committee and the Treasurer, therefore,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee hereby expresses its appreciation of the faithful and self-denying work of the committee and the most efficient and economical management of the funds by the Treasurer. Especially does this Executive Committee commend the Treasurer that he so invested the funds received—in amount more than \$37,000—that the interest accruing therefrom met all the expenses connected with the collection and distribution of said, and all the expenses of the committee, so that every dollar contributed by the Church was devoted to the building itself.

V.—The Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read Friday. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: What will the Synods do this fall for the work of Foreign Missions? This question voices the anxiety of the missionaries and of the Board. There is cause for great rejoicing when we look at what has been done. Alas, how much we have left undone! And of work that we might have done. Let us not shut our eyes to the fact that our operations in heathen lands have been steadily enlarging. Our field is bigger now than it was five years ago. Yes, the work is growing and the demands are increasing. Happily the grace of liberality in the home Church is keeping pace with the expansion in the foreign field. It must be a source of gratification to the warm supporters of our work to learn that the receipts for the past synodical year amount to \$66,305.25. But we need every dollar of it, and more to it, in order to discharge our heavy obligations. The estimate of the Japan Mission alone for 1904, exclusive of buildings or any advance work, amounts to \$33,100. This is almost equal to our entire receipts for the year 1901.

WE NEED \$125,000.

If the Board is to meet all its reasonable expenses during the coming year, we will need, at least, \$125,000. This may seem an excessive amount for foreign missions, but it is only fifty cents per member. The estimates for the Japan and China Missions and the home expenses will be not less than \$50,000. Add to this amount \$25,000 for the North Japan College; \$15,000 additional to pay for the Girls' School buildings; \$5,000 for the Missionary Home at Tokio; \$4,000 for the Boys' School, China; \$2,000 additional for the China Hospital, and \$23,000 for our present indebtedness, and you will see that we are not asking for a fictitious amount. Besides there are al-

ways emergencies arising during the year for which we can never provide in advance, and these help to increase our expenses. In view of our resources as a Church, and in the light of the signal success of our missionaries, and the demands of the work, will it be asking too much of our pastors and people to make one grand effort during the coming twenty-fifth anniversary year of the founding of the Japan Mission, and thus place our work in that empire on a firm basis? Dr. Schneider assures us that this will be the last extraordinary effort the Church will need to put forth towards the Christianization of Japan.

OUR JAPAN MISSION.

The personal reports of all our missionaries indicate excellent health during the past year. The new missionaries are hard at work on the study of the language and have proved a strong addition to the mission. There are no more earnest, devoted, hard-working men and women in any mission. Dr. Moore received a hearty welcome back to Japan, and reports his health as good. During the first eight months since his return he has preached frequently and baptized in all some fifty persons, about one-third of whom were children. Dr. Schneider's time is chiefly occupied with his duties as the President of the North Japan College and in evangelistic work. Since January 1st Missionary Lampe has given much time to the plans and contracts and oversight of our building operations. He says, "This is a great undertaking and will require a large sum of money, and a great deal of missionary time and energy." Prof. Noss has been working for two years on his text book of Colloquial Japanese, which will be an entire volume of 600 pages, an invaluable aid to the study of the language. His many friends will be glad to welcome him and his family to America this fall. Missionary Miller now occupies a fine new-built house at Yamagata. The old church building was badly wrecked last September by a typhoon, and a new church will be built in that portion of the city where the best families live. Rev. Stick is developing into an excellent business manager. The brethren Faust, Gerhard and Cook have been devoted to their school work. Our four lady teachers have been subject to great trials and deprivations, but the Lord has enabled them to outlive them, and they look forward with joy to their work this winter.

NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE

The North Japan College has had a good year. There was an enrollment of 171 at the beginning of the fall term. Prof. Paul L. Gerhard has resumed his work in the school, and Rev. H. H. Cook, Jr., is a new teacher. There were eight graduates from the lower course of the collegiate department, and four

from the higher. Eleven were baptized. There are forty-nine Christians. At the commencement exercises the vice-governor, in the absence of the governor, made an address approving of the work of the school. The president of the Government College also made a congratulatory address. The music under the direction of Brother Stick was unusually good. There were no theological graduates this year. It is gratifying to know that the students in our lower course now enjoy the same privilege as do the students of government schools of the same grade. But it is doubly necessary that we should have this recognition and military exemption for our Higher and Theological courses. In case we cannot get the recognition before April of next year, we will be obliged, according to the regulation, to close these departments altogether. This would certainly be a calamity. In his last letter Dr. Schneder reiterates the impending peril of the school, and adds, "Now what I would like to ask is that the Board say to the Mission that they will furnish \$25,000 for additional buildings for the North Japan College. Please do not pass this by. A recitation building and a dormitory, together with a chapel and some smaller buildings must be erected." The Board lays this very urgent need before the Synods with the earnest hope that some action may be taken to relieve the critical situation.

MIYAGI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The ladies have had to contend with many difficulties, trials and hindrances in the conduct of the Girls' School in the temporary quarters. Very truly Miss Zurfluh writes: "The school has sustained a loss through fire and its effects that money and new buildings cannot alone eradicate." The average monthly enrollment was ninety-six. Thirty-two of these are Christians, six of whom were baptized during the year. About forty more pupils asked for admittance, but had to be turned away for lack of room. There were three graduates, all of them Christians.

The new dormitory will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the school term in September. The Recitation Hall is also in course of erection, but there has been no time fixed for its completion. Besides these new buildings it was absolutely necessary to enlarge the ladies' residence, which was originally built for only two teachers. We have at present four teachers. The fire had left this building in a very shabby condition. The estimates for these several improvements, including the cost of the lots, amount to \$34,000. Towards the payment of the new buildings we have about \$21,000, including the \$4,000 insurance.

It must be evident to the Synods that the Board is in sore need of funds.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Industrial Home is the residence of a large number of the students of North Japan College. All of these young men are studying the lesson of self-support, and at the same time they receive a Christian education. The Home is running a dairy, a printing press, a book store and a farm. The work is done by the students. The total number in the Home during the year is ninety-two. The average number is seventy-two. Thirty-four are Christians, others are earnestly seeking the Saviour. The expenses for the year amount to \$5,250 which includes the building of two sheds for the dairy and other necessary repairs. Towards this amount the mission appropriated \$750. Regular services are held every Sunday evening and weekly prayer meetings.

Besides the work for the women at the woman's meetings, the Bible Women have been very helpful in, at least, twenty Sunday-schools. Almost all of these workers go to two Sunday-schools every Sunday. Some have held special meetings in large towns, which created intense interest on the part of the women. At one meeting there were about 200 persons, at the other 300. Our lady teachers have given the Bible Women a one year's post-graduate course in Biblical Studies, with a view to equip them for better service. There have been thirteen regular Bible Women at work during the year.

The statistics of the Japan Mission for the year 1902 are as follows: Ordained ministers, 8; unordained evangelists, 27; church buildings, 16; meeting places, 48; members, men 1,106, women 658, total 1,764; baptized children, 126; additions, 272; average attendance in Sunday-schools, 1,649; value of church property, \$25,000.

CHINA MISSION.

What shall we say of our work in China? Here are the statistics of a few months ago: Communicant members, 43; children, 9; students in Boys' School, 53; Girls' School, 12; evangelist, 1; Bible woman, 1; helpers, 3. Truly a noble record.

Through the unflagging zeal of Dr. Hoy our mission owns a splendid property with a strong wall fifteen to twenty-five feet surrounding it. The buildings are small, but they will meet the present wants of our work after the Boys' School and Hospital have been erected. But these two buildings are pressing needs. The Boy's School will cost \$4,000 and the Hospital \$5,500. Towards the latter building we have about \$3,500. Besides the erection of these buildings it is imperative that we send two married missionaries and one medical missionary. The growing prospects of our work make it necessary that these men ought to be on the field this fall. We have a wonderful

opening at Yochow for a Christian institution of learning, and if we lay good solid foundations now we shall in a few years be able to rejoice over a still greater field of evangelistic usefulness. Dr. Hoy writes, "The Boys' School has already a name and an influence—an influence that we must not lose. We have many boys from the best families. Can't you get immediate help from the Synods this fall? We need money for grounds and buildings; and we need two missionaries to help in school work."

Surely God is leading our Church into most inviting fields that are ripe for harvest. We are not opening this new work, but by the strange leadings of Providence the work seems to fall to our lot. The offer from the four Chinamen to Dr. Hoy, which we incorporate in this statement, is extraordinary in its nature, and we should be very careful how we treat it. There can be no doubt as to its sincerity.

HERE IS THE OFFER.

"Last February a man came from Chingshi to Yochow. He quietly studied our school, our chapel work, and the Bible and other Christian books. He also learned about the work of our college in Japan. After several months of inquiry he returned to Chingshi, over one hundred miles across the lake from Yochow. He soon came back to Yochow, bringing with him three other men. All these four men belong to the literary class and are men of means and influence in this community. They want a church and a school in their town. They will buy all the land needed and erect all the necessary buildings, and this property will belong to the mission, and through the mission, to our Board and Church at home. This offer is worth \$10,000. The last week in June and the first week and a half of July Mr. Reimert and I went over to Chingshi, all our expenses being paid by the people interested. We made a careful investigation as to the standing of these people, and especially concerning the life and character of Mr. Chang, the leader of the party. In three towns we went to the chief officials and all told us these people were all right. They also said they would be glad if we would accept the offer. We mean to accept the offer, in fact, I have already in my care the deed to half the ground needed. All the property will be ours. The management of church and school will also belong to us. The cost of the property and the maintenance of the school will be supplied by Mr. Chang's party. We must eventually put two missionaries there to teach and to preach, and to manage affairs. This opportunity is a golden one."

HOSPITAL.

Our medical missionary, Dr. J. Albert Beam, relates in an interesting manner his first six months' experience at Yochow. Upon the advice of older missionaries he immediately applied himself to the study of the language, refusing to see patients. But the converts of our own mission came for treatment and he could not conscientiously refuse to see them. This became the entering wedge to a most interesting work, until the attendance at the dispensary has gradually increased from five or ten a week, to an average of twenty-five a day. The largest number on any one day was thirty-four. The whole number of patients treated was 476. The largest number of new patients on any one day was fourteen. The whole number of treatments given was 1,289. We quote from his letter: "Now as to our needs. First, a hospital; second, a physician; third, a trained nurse. We need a hospital for we have been compelled to turn away many cases which could not be treated outside such an institution. We need another physician. He ought to be on the field soon in order to get the language before being loaded down with professional work. Another reason, and to my mind a very important one, why he should come at once is that our work ought to be carried on the year around if we are to accomplish the most good. The trained nurse should be able not only to take charge of that department of hospital work, but also be a teacher, for we must train native helpers if our hospital corps is to be efficient."

SUGGESTIONS.

The Japan Mission asks the Board, in view of the fact that Rev. A. D. Gring, our first missionary, arrived in Japan on the 1st of June, 1879, that the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary be held in June, 1904, and that a fund of one hundred thousand dollars be raised in connection with this celebration for the equipment of the Japan work. The board heartily endorses the request and urges the Synods to refer the matter favorably to the pastors and congregations. Literature will be sent out by the Mission and the Board to assist in the preparation for a worthy celebration.

That this celebration may prove a great spiritual blessing to the work, Drs. Moore and Schneder most earnestly ask:

1. That every congregation and Sunday-school observe the event.
2. That the history of our work in Japan be widely studied.
3. That a special thank offering large enough to meet the pressing needs be laid on the altar of Missions.

4. That two new missionary families be sent this year and two next year.

5. That this event be made the occasion of special prayer; that the spirit of devotion to the cause of Missions in the home Church be deepened, that the work in Japan be still more greatly blessed, and that the time may be hastened when Japan and China and all other unsaved nations will be won for Christ.

Obedient to the action of the General Synod, a service was issued for the observance of Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday-schools on February 8, 1903. The service was of a memorial character. It is difficult to compute the results, but we are safe in fixing the receipts at about \$7,000. We trust the Synods will encourage all the pastors and people to observe the day in the coming year, for it will help to increase an interest in foreign missions.

That the pastors and people may know what proportion of the receipts for special objects have come from the different Synods, we make this exhibit:

SPECIAL OBJECTS.				
Synods.	Girls' School.	Faust Hall.	Hoy Hospital.	China House.
Eastern	\$5,460.55*	\$1,197.61	\$1,203.19	\$1,278.20
Potomac	609.75	735.44	518.94	883.45
Pittsburgh	124.34	270.67	394.52	382.49
Ohio	2,171.91*	510.66	462.90	305.36
Interior	171.95	42.55	45.98	107.00
Central	762.08	177.46	157.03	191.99
North West	1,102.05	344.17	362.80	251.10
German East	336.49	322.12	320.56	101.00
W. M. S., General Synod	1,493.05	1,347.00	21.29	228.50
Reformed Church Publication Board, Special Fund,				397.23
Total	\$12,232.17	\$4,947.68	\$3,487.21	\$4,126.32

*Of this amount in the Eastern Synod, \$1,500 came from Reading Classis, and \$1,500 from two members of Philadelphia Classis.

Of the amount in the Ohio Synod, \$1,150 came from one family.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Number of Members.	Amount of Apportionment.	Paid on Apportionment.	Receipts all Sources.	W. M. S. General Synod.
Eastern	104,188	\$17,150	\$12,597	\$24,385	\$5,004
Potomac	39,658	5,840	3,952	8,450	391
Pittsburgh	19,509	2,975	3,197	4,789	1,181
Ohio	26,096	3,770	3,019	7,848	2,048
Interior	3,231	250	235	815	64
Central	24,659	3,545	*	3,244	
North West	22,468	3,660	*	4,900	
German East	15,599	2,860	*	1,911	
W. M. S., General Synod				8,749	
Interest, etc.				1,200	

*Pastors remit to the Secretary.

Dear Brethren, if we are to do the work which the Lord of the harvest expects of us, we need faith and prayer. Faith, to believe that we can do it, and prayer, that God may make us willing to do it in the day of His power. Let me suggest, that in view of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Japan Mission during June, 1904, the Synods devote a portion of the time spent in the discussion of missions to a season of special prayer for God's blessing upon our work, our missionaries, our Board, our pastors and people.

With the earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations for the speedy conquest of the world for Christ, I am,

Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 10, 1903.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Missions reports that there were referred to it the Report of the Home Mission Board of General Synod, the Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of the same Board, the Treasurer's Report of the Washington Church Building Fund, and the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that all these have been carefully considered.

We are indeed glad to be able to say that all these reports are of a very encouraging character. We learn from those with

reference to the work in the home land that the past year has been a truly successful one. There has been a gradual awakening to the cause of Missions, this most vital work of the Church, and that the increasing liberality of the people has enabled the Board to enroll more missions in growing towns and cities, increasing the number from 98 of last year to 104. Our missions were never in better condition than now.

We note also that a transfer of the German-English missions has been made to the German Board. We learn that the work among the Hungarians, who are already 1,000,000 strong in our country and are continuing to flock here, gives bright promises. Efforts are being put forth to build up a ministry in full sympathy with American ideas and spirit. Four new missions have been organized. The whole work among these people is indeed highly encouraging.

Whilst certain conditions that exist among the Bohemians, who are in our midst to the number of 300,000, makes the work more difficult and less fruitful than the work among the Hungarians, yet there is an ever increasing need and responsibility resting upon us for pressing this department of our work. We learn with pleasure of the Board's effort to keep the Church informed on the subject of Missions, and welcome the new publication for free distribution, namely, "The Missionary Bulletin."

We note with joy the successful completion of the work of erecting the memorial church at Washington, D. C., and it is with great pleasure that we note the decrease of the indebtedness of the Board, due, we believe, largely to the consecrated work of Field Secretary, Rev. D. N. Dittmar, and the willing response of pastors to his earnest appeals for the paying of the apportionments in full.

From the report of the Foreign Mission Board we learn, with a just pride, that our operations in heathen lands have been steadily enlarging, and it must be a source of gratification to the warm supporters of the work to learn that the receipts for the past synodical year amount to \$66,305.25. Their need, their greatest need at present is for funds for buildings necessary for a successful carrying forward of the work. The \$125,000 stated as the amount needed is not beyond the reach of an earnest and consecrated people. The North Japan College has had a good year.

There is need to secure for our higher and theological courses the same government recognition and exemption from military duty that the lower course now enjoys, and to secure this we must have better building accommodations. It has been under great difficulties and hardships that the work of the Girls' School has been carried forward. We rejoice that these condi-

tions are gradually being removed by the erection of new and suitable buildings. Dr. Schneder writes the Church that when the buildings now asked for are erected, this will be the last extreme effort needed for our work in Japan. It will then be pretty well able to take care of itself. This fact should inspire the Church to come up nobly the next year to the support of the work.

With reference to our work in China we learn that the unflagging zeal and consecrated work of Dr. Hoy has been greatly blessed by the great Head of the Church. There is a pressing need for suitable buildings for the Boys' School and the Hospital, for two married missionaries and one more medical missionary. We note with pleasure the fact that the school has a name and an influence throughout that whole section of the country, although it has been so recently established. We learn also with pleasure of the seeking and searching for Christian light in China, as evidenced in the appeal and splendid offer made to Dr. Hoy by men from Ching-shi. We are indeed glad to note that the work of Dr. Beam is meeting with great success.

The idea of observing Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday-schools we learn has met with favor and promises good results. Next year being the 25th anniversary of the organization of our Foreign Work, we are glad to know steps are being taken looking forward to its proper celebration.

Now, from what these various reports bring to us, your Committee submits for your consideration, and, if advisable, adoption, the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the great blessings of God upon our Home and Foreign Missions during the past year; that Synod pledges itself anew to a faithful and loyal support of the great work of Missions, and most earnestly urges our Classes, pastors and people to a prayerful and earnest support of this work.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod shows its appreciation of the Board's efforts, by urging Classes to raise the apportionments in full, regarding them as the minimum sum to be contributed and request the pastors to let this take precedence of any special work that confronts them, however important.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod hears with pleasure of the grand success that has attended the efforts for gathering Church Building Funds, and that we commend this worthy cause anew to the people.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod learns with pleasure that the Board has succeeded in securing the service of Rev. D. A. Souders to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. A. S. De-

chant as Superintendent, and of the rearranging of the work for the better prosecution of the cause of Missions.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod heartily approves of the work of the Board among the Hungarians and Bohemians that have come to this country, and pledges itself to a hearty co-operation in this work.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod learns with pleasure of the successful completion of Grace Memorial Church at Washington, D. C., in which every member of the Reformed Church can feel a just and honest pride.

7. *Resolved*, That Synod shares the sorrow of the Board caused by the death of two of its efficient members, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., and Elder C. M. Bower.

8. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the prosperity of the work of the Church in Japan and China, and in the fact that our people are responding more liberally to this worthy cause.

9. *Resolved*, That Synod shows its appreciation of the sacrificing labors of our missionaries by renewed pledges to do all in its power to hasten the completion of necessary buildings.

10. *Resolved*, That Synod accepts all the apportionments for both Home and Foreign Missions: Home Missions, \$12,450; Harbor Missions, \$193; Hungarian and Bohemian, \$1,448; Work among Germans, \$930; Foreign Missions, \$7,240, and apportion the same to the different Classes.

11. *Resolved*, That the plan of the Board in regard to the six cents per member for Church Building be recommended to Classes and congregations.

12. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the prospect of the 25th anniversary of our Foreign Mission work, and commend to the prayerful consideration of pastors and people the suggestions in the annual report of the Board, namely:

(1). That every congregation and Sunday-school observe the event.

(2). That the history of our work in Japan be widely studied.

(3). That a special thank offering large enough to meet the pressing needs be laid on the altar of Missions.

(4). That two new missionary families be sent this year and two next year.

13. *Resolved*, That pastors during the coming year, in the devotional services of both church and Sunday-school, make special prayer for God's blessing upon our Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

ATVILL CONNER, *Chairman*.

At an election for members of the several Boards of Synod Rev. C. A. Santee was elected member of the Board of Home Missions for four years.

Members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions, and date of expiration of terms of service: Rev. C. A. Santee, 1907; Revs. J. David Miller and N. H. Skyles, 1906; Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrack, B.D., 1905; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., and L. E. Coblentz, 1904.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

George N. Forney, Treasurer, in Account with Potomac Synod.

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1902

Oct. 14 To Balance of Cash on hand..... \$ 154 16
To Amounts received as follows:

ZION'S CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$ 75 27	
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	63 73	139 00

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	140 00	
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	121 00	
Science Hall Building.....	30 00	
Theological Seminary.....	138 00	
Catawba College.....	217 00	646 00

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	45 00	
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	40 00	
Catawba College.....	168 50	253 50

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

Work among the Germans.....	56 03	
Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.....	73 20	
Contingent Fund General Synod.....	14 73	
Theological Seminary.....	56 66	
Catawba College.....	122 36	322 98

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Catawba College.....	69 59	
Theological Seminary.....	77 39	
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	65 00	
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	15 00	226 98

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	81 00	
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod	95 00	
Theological Seminary.....	100 00	
Catawba College.....	145 00	421 00
From Trustees of Synod in aid of Science Hall Building, Lancaster, Pa., being proceeds of their note at 5 per cent. interest, given to Middletown (Md.) Bank for 6 months.....		5000 00

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Theological Seminary.....	40 00	
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	45 00	85 00

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	85 00	
Theological Seminary.....	87 00	172 00
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By Expenditures as follows:

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Oct. 20.	J. J. Nissley, Treas'r, for work among the Germans..\$	55 22
	and Harbor Missions.....	11 00
Nov. 6.	Rev. S. H. Stein, for use of church at Mechanicsburg	25 00

1903.

Feb. 6.	Fidelity Deposit Co., Balto., Md., Premium on Treasurer's Bond.....	25 00
" 7.	Publication Board for Minutes of Synod for 1902....	169 10
" 25.	M. J. Rowe, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....	69 00
Mar. 5.	A. S. Weber and Committee expenses at meeting at Mechanicsburg, Pa.....	14 75
" 12.	E. B. Lyttle and Committee expenses at meeting at Mechanicsburg, Pa.....	5 98
Apr. 3.	C. S. Slagle, Treas., balance due by Synod on pledge for Washington Church.....	10 70
" 11.	E. R. Deatruck, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod, 1 yr.	100 00
" 11.	E. R. Deatruck, expenses for postage, expressage, etc.	16 50
" 25.	M. J. Rowe, Treas., for Catawba College.....	52 44
May 12.	J. W. Pontius and T. J. Barkley, expenses at meeting of Board of Trustees of Synod at Hanover, Pa....	3 35
" 12.	J. W. Pontius, President, for 6 months' interest at 5 per cent. interest on Note of Board of Trustees of Synod for \$5,000 at Middletown (Md.) Bank.....	125 00
" 16.	Lewis Robb, expenses attending meeting of Board of visitors at Lancaster, Pa.	5 75
" 16.	J. W. Bausman, Treas., in full of amount assumed by Potomac Synod for Science Building at Lancaster, Pa.....	5000 00
" 18.	J. H. Webber, Treas., interest on Brechbill legacy..	12 00
" 21.	Rev. E. R. Eshbach and J. S. Kieffer, expenses attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa..	6 41
June 2.	M. J. Rowe, Treas., for Catawba College.....	361 66
" 2.	John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary.....	344 98
" 3.	J. H. Cost, expenses attending meeting of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.....	13 00
" 25.	C. S. Slagle, Treas., apportionment of Zion Classis for Washington Church.....	144 70
" 25.	J. W. Fisher & Co., for seal of Synod.....	3 50

Aug. 8	J. D. Miller, Treas., expenses at meeting of Board of Education	15 45
Oct. 5	M. J. Rowe, Treas., for Catawba College.....	239 35
" 14	J. J. Nissley, Treas., for Work among the Germans..	66 03
" 14	Jno. B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary.....	154 07
" 14	Geo. N. Forney, Salary as Treasurer of Synod for one year to January 1, 1904	100 00
	Balance on hand, October 21, 1903.....	270 68
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Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance respectfully reports as follows:

1. The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, with the accompanying vouchers, have been carefully examined by us, and we have found them to be correct.

2. Item 14 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, which was referred to us, refers to the following arrearages:

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod:—Zion's Classis, \$80.31; Carlisle Classis, \$6.99.

Contingent Fund of General Synod:—Carlisle Classis, \$21.09.

We recommend that Synod call the attention of these Classes to their arrearages.

3. The following amounts have been referred to us for apportionment:

Home Missions, \$12,450; Foreign Missions, \$7,240; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$1,448; Work Among the Germans, \$930; Harbor Missions, \$193; Potomac Synod Contingent Fund, \$760; Theological Seminary, \$1,050; Beneficiary Education, \$1,800; Catawba College, \$900; and Interest on Synod's Note of \$5,000 for Franklin and Marshall College Science Building, \$350; a total of \$27,603.

We recommend the apportionment of the above amounts as follows:

4 $\frac{7}{8}$ per cent., and yielding a total income of Sixteen Hundred and Eight Dollars and Forty-three cents (\$1,608.43).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, with accrued interest, amounts to One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars and Thirty-one cents (\$1,864.31).

The term of Jacob D. Zehring will expire January 1, 1904, and his successor should be elected at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President*.

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary*.

Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 17, 1903.

The special committee to whom the item from the Report of the Board of Trustees, concerning \$5,000 borrowed for the Science Building, reported. The report was read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Item in the Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

The committee to whom was referred an item in the Report of the Board of Trustees, namely, the \$5,000.00 borrowed for the Science Building, begs leave to report:

That the matter referred to the Committee has been duly considered, and the Committee offers the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of \$350.00 be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment upon the Classes, \$125.00 of which shall be paid into the Treasury of Synod, for interest already paid out of funds in the hands of the Treasurer, and the balance for interest that may be needed to carry the note until the principal shall be raised, with the understanding that if any balance remain, it shall be credited to the Contingent Fund of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman*.

Elder C. M. Wolf was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years, from Jan. 1, 1904.

Members of the Board of Trustees and Terms of Service: Elder C. M. Wolf, for five years; Elder Geo. N. Forney, for four years; Elder J. H. Schriver, for three years; Rev. J. W. Pontius, for two years, and Rev. J. T. Barkley, D.D., for one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows :

Report of the Sunday-school Committee

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools begs leave to offer the following report :

We have carefully noted the papers that have come into our hands, consisting mainly of the Statistical Reports of the Sunday-schools in the Synod. From these we learn, with pleasure, that work in the various Sunday-schools has been carried on with some success, but we regret to report that very small gains have been made, and in many schools losses are reported. Whether these losses are actual, or whether the reports are at fault, we cannot determine. But we do know that some of the Statistical Reports are very incomplete.

In the offerings to the various benevolent objects there is a gain reported, which indicates that the benevolent side of Sunday-school has not been neglected. This may also be attributed to the increased prosperity of the times.

Your Committee believes, from the reports in their hands, that there must be a growing lack of interest in some of our Sunday-schools, and that the time has come for a forward movement in this work which is so vital to the spread of the Gospel.

As the primary department in the Sunday-school is the main channel through which the school is fed with new material, it is evident that special attention should be paid to this department. Here the Cradle Roll, in which the names of the infant children are enrolled, can be used to great advantage. Separate rooms, well equipped, are valuable aids in this department. A well organized Catechetical Class in each school can become a spiritual power, by which many may be won to Christ and the Church, who are without home training. "Decision Day" and "Rally Day" services may be used to advantage in building up and maintaining the interest in our schools.

Our Sunday-school Helps and Literature in general are among the very best, and we are glad to report that nearly all of our schools now use our own literature. With such a liter-

ature and a Sunday-school Board that will aid and assist all our weak schools, there is no reason why our Sunday-schools may not be among the very best in the land.

We note with pleasure that a number of model Sunday-school buildings have been erected within the past year. This is work in the right direction, and it is hoped that comfortable and attractive rooms will be provided wherever possible.

We suggest that special efforts be made by all pastors to train Sunday-school teachers, in order that they may be willing and qualified to teach and train those under their care, and thus raise the standard of our Sunday-school work. To this end, let normal classes be organized, with a view of graduation, by pursuing the prescribed course of study as suggested by the Sunday-school Board.

We would further recommend that house to house visitation committees be appointed in our schools, to serve for a year, whose duty shall be to look out for new scholars and bring back the straying.

We would also call special attention to the statistics of our schools; that the pastors see that the schools are fully and correctly reported to the Classes on the blanks furnished by the Board. Therefore,

Resolved, That we devoutly acknowledge the kindness and goodness of the Lord in leading and guiding us in our Sunday-school work.

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod urge upon their pastors and consistories a more careful oversight and supervision of their Sunday-schools and that they personally see to it that the actions of Synod in regard to Sunday-schools be brought to the attention of their superintendents and teachers.

Resolved, That the Classes urge upon their pastors the necessity of procuring from their Sunday-schools full and complete statistical reports, and that the Classical Committees on Sunday-schools be urged to make their reports to Synod complete and correct.

Resolved, That the various benevolent objects of the Church be commended to the Sunday-schools, and that liberal offerings be made to the same.

Resolved, That Normal Classes be organized, not only in the larger schools, but also in the smaller schools, where they are likely most needed; in order that teachers may be properly qualified to teach the Word of God, and train the young in Christian living.

J. B. SHONTZ.
EPHRAIM CORNMAN.
W. A. KORN.
LEWIS T. LAMPE,
H. E. BAILEY.

Statistical Report of Sunday-schools.

CLASSES.

OBJECT.	Maryland.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	Mercersburg.	Zion's.	Gettysburg.	Carlisle.	Summit.	Total.
Sunday-schools	60	29	38	31	35	29	20	43	275
Officers and Teachers...	1,206	317	330	361	576	456	713	658	4,538
Scholars	8,477	1,915	3,385	2,425	4,518	3,734	5,652	4,680	34,787
Total Teachers & Scholars	9,683	2,232	3,724	2,787	5,394	4,190	5,975	5,338	39,325
Average attendance	2,671	1,312	1,650	1,600	3,354	1,172	1,579	3,020	16,341
1. Mem. in Union S. S.	146	.....	.....	.....	411	.....	.....	.....	557
Church Mem. in S. S...	2,197	509	1,179	621	710	936	966	1,870	8,968
Baptized Scholars	1,713	488	663	480	1,042	1,182	580	1,893	7,050
Scholars confirmed.....	280	63	97	94	75	186	65	135	714
S. papers taken	4,372	.....	.....	.....	245	.....	25	.....	4,642
Volumes in Libraries...	8,455	2,234	1,425	2,473	4,017	3,726	1,435	3,217	26,982
Aid to Gen. S. S. Board	\$278	\$70	\$33	\$31	\$39	\$943	\$177	\$251	\$1,822
Aid to other boards...	1,240	140	218	467	2,301	162	319	442	5,288
Aid to other objects...	726	176	88	74	1,877	377	134	250	5,212
Sunday-school support..	3,734	616	758	1,407	3,260	1,915	1,413	1,853	14,958
Total disbursements.	\$5,978	\$1,002	\$1,097	\$1,979	\$8,381	\$2,493	\$3,043	\$3,296	\$27,269

Rev. P. A. DeLong was duly elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for a period of five years.

Members of Sunday-school Board, and date of expiration of term of service: Revs. P. A. DeLong, 1908; W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; C. A. Santee, 1906; H. H. Apple, 1905; S. H. Stein, 1904.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In response to the overture from the Classis of Maryland, item 12, report of Committee on Minutes of Classes, the following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the ratio of representation of the Classes constituting this Synod, shall be on the basis of one minister and one elder for every four ordained ministers enrolled at the time, and fractional part thereof, instead of one minister and one elder for every three ordained ministers, and fractional part thereof, as heretofore.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the expenses of the retiring President of Synod, incurred in attending the sessions of Synod for the purpose of preaching the opening sermon, shall be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

The following report was submitted in connection with item 19, of the report on Minutes which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$169.10.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. DEATRICK.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board of Publication begs leave to submit to your reverend body for your inspection and consideration the following as their annual report. We first of all present to you two exhibits, the one showing the losses and gains in last year's business, the other giving the resources and liabilities of the entire plant at the close of the year on the first day of July last.

LOSSES AND GAINS.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.		LOSSES.	GAINS.
Inventory July 1, 1903	\$ 9,581 80		
Credits	23,298 08		
	-----	\$32,879 88	
Inventory July 1, 1902	\$11,633 55		
Debits	18,814 79		
	-----	\$30,448 34	
			\$2,431 54

REVIEW.

Credits	\$1,353 21	
Debits	1,334 66	
	-----	\$18 55
Interest on investments		\$194.67
Royalty from S. S. Board		812 50

MESSENGER.

Inventory July 1, 1902	\$ 803 78	
Debits	23,396 93	
	-----	\$24,200 71
Inventory July 1, 1903	\$ 540 34	
Credits	21,308 28	
	-----	\$21,848 62
		\$2,352 09

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

I nventory July 1, 1902	\$1,306 80	
D ebits	136 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,443 20
I nventory July 1, 1903	1,422 15	
	<hr/>	\$21 05
E xpenses Board Meetings, Printing Reports and Auditing Committee	\$91 60	
N et income for the year	\$992 52	
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T otal	\$3,457 26	\$3,457 26

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES JULY 1, 1903.

RESOURCES.

C ash	\$1,397 96	
M oney invested in Bonds, Mortgages, etc.	4,500 00	
A ccounts receivable	3,392 79	
M erchandise, Book Department	9,581 80	
M erchandise, Messenger Department	540 34	
A dvertising Accounts Receivable	1,228 30	
R ent paid in advance	233 33	
F urniture and fixtures	1,422 15	
S ubscriptions due Messenger	4,203 74	
S ubscriptions due Review	343 00	
	<hr/>	\$26,843 41

LIABILITIES.

M essenger subscriptions paid in advance	\$2,185 89	
R evue subscriptions paid in advance	261 50	
N et capital, July 1, 1903	24,396 02	
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In the judgment of the Board your publication interests are in an encouraging condition. There has been a marked increase in the volume of business done in the book department and in the profits resulting therefrom. And we again ask the Synods to give this branch of the institution their cordial support and increased patronage in order that still better results may be accomplished in the future. In the Messenger account there is a deficit of considerable dimensions. This is what was to have been expected when the subscription price of the paper was reduced to \$1.25 per annum. In fact the shortage is not as great as the Board had anticipated. In the opinion of the manager even on the basis of its present circulation the Messenger account will make a more favorable showing a year hence because of increased income from various sources, especially from the advertising department. But the main remedy must be found in a larger circulation and the Board thinks that the Synods, in view of the low price of the paper, have the right to request and expect that every pastor within their bounds shall put forth faithful and persevering efforts to have the circulation of the Messenger increased among

the members of his charge. With the view of eliciting a deeper interest in the family church paper and of effecting a larger circulation of it the Board adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The Messenger is owned by the three Eastern Synods of the Reformed Church and is published as their educational factor in the development of the life of the Church within their bounds, therefore, we, the Board of Publication of the three Eastern Synods, respectfully overture the above-mentioned bodies to request the Classes to ascertain at their annual meetings, through questions of their presidents addressed to the pastor and elder of each charge, the number of subscribers to the Messenger in his charge and what is done by the representatives of the charge to increase the number.

Further action was taken by the Board as follows:

WHEREAS, The year 1903 is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Messenger, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be respectfully overtured to make special account of this fact at their coming meetings and take such measures as they may deem proper, to have this anniversary observed by the Classes and charges of their several bodies.

Resolved, That we ask each one of the three Synods who own this paper to name January 17, A. D. 1904, as Messenger Day and that they request all the ministers of these Synods to preach a sermon on that day on the subject of this publication.

Resolved, That in the event of the Synods' complying with this request the Manager of the Board be requested to notify all the pastors of these Synods of the action taken by their several Synods.

The above actions of the Board are hereby through this report submitted to the Synods for their consideration and action. May we not hope that all parties interested, Synods, Classes, pastors and consistories, may be filled with a realizing sense of the great importance of the cause represented by your Board, and take such actions and perform such works as will enhance the cause many fold in the near future.

The terms of office of C. S. Slagle and C. R. Ferner expire with the close of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary*.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon. It was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

From the report of the Board of Publication we learn that the publication interests of the Synod are in a prosperous condition. We offer the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That we commend the wise and efficient management of the Board and its business manager.

2. *Resolved*, That we urge upon our pastors and people a fuller patronage of the book store both for their own advantage and for the support of this department of the Board's work.

3. *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as 1903 is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Messenger, we designate January 17th, 1904, as Messenger Day, and that we request all ministers of this Synod to preach a sermon on that day on the value and importance of this our oldest Church paper.

4. *Resolved*, That we request the Classes within the bounds of this Synod to ascertain at their annual meetings, through questions of their presidents addressed to the pastor and elder of each charge, the number of subscribers to the Messenger in his charge, and what is done by the representatives of the charge to increase its circulation.

5. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend the Messenger as a paper well adapted to the help of developing individual character, and of promoting the success of the educational, missionary and other general enterprises of the Church, and that we urge upon all our pastors and consistories the importance of increasing its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. C. S. Slagle was elected a member of the Board of Publication for a term of four years.

Members of the Board of Publication and dates of expiration of the terms of service.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, 1907; W. Rush Gillan, 1906.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday morning the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 2.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held;

Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, W. A. Korn, and J. S. Corle and J. E. Omwake acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Cafawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Publication, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report as follows:

The Committee received no documents from St. Paul's Orphan Home. From the documents placed in our hands from Bethany Orphan Home we learn that the institution is in a prosperous condition.

At present there are 125 orphans cared for, an increase of one over last year. Of this number there are at present 11, and soon will be 18, from within the bounds of this Synod.

This Home is now forty years old, is well managed and enjoys a state of peace and harmony. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our indebtedness and gratitude to the Father of Orphans, under Whose care and blessing during these forty years Bethany Orphan Home has grown from so small a beginning to an institution so great in extent and usefulness.

Resolved, That to meet the needs of this institution and to avoid the annual temporary deficit, Synod heartily commends Bethany Orphan Home to the earnest prayer and even more liberal support of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

Resolved, That liberal Christmas offerings be made and devoted to Bethany or St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman*.

Resolutions Concerning Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom was referred the matter of sympathy in the case of the illness of Dr. P. C. Prugh, makes the following report:

Having seen the statement in the last number of the "Messenger" that "the venerable Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, late Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, is seriously ill at his residence in Butler, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Synod of the Potomac, in session at Salisbury, N. C., do herewith, individually as well as collectively, send fraternal greetings to Father Prugh, extend to him our sincere sympathy in his illness, and earnestly pray our common Lord and Master to further continue the usefulness and benediction of his life among us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Dr. Prugh, and finally

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the several Church papers.

GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman*.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows. It was referred to a special committee, Revs. C. S. Slagle, H. J. Hille-gass, and Elder E. Cornman, who presented their report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending September 30th, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$218 25
Juniata Classis	143 88
Carlisle Classis	83 95
Gettysburg Classis	80 34
Zion's Classis	77 06
Virginia Classis	66 32
Mercersburg Classis	42 61
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	\$712 41

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	3 assistants	\$105 00
Juniata Classis	2 assistants	100 00
Carlisle Classis	1 assistant	100 00
Virginia Classis	1 assistant	75 00
Gettysburg Classis	1 assistant	50 00
Mercersburg Classis	1 assistant	50 00
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	9 assistants	\$480 00

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication, in the Minutes of your reverend body, the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year ending September 30, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Oct. 4th, 1902	\$4,928 25
Cash from loans paid	4,550 00
Cash from bequests	6,007 62
Cash from collections in the churches	2,867 87
Cash from interest on investments	2,746 33
Cash from individual gifts	367 09
Cash from Pittsburgh Synod (special)	275 00
Cash from Sunday-school royalty on S. S. Hymnal	130 00
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	\$21,872 16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for reinvestment	\$4,550 00
New investment, J. Y. Dietz legacy.....	\$5,000 00
B. Wolff, Jr., legacy	1,000 00
J. Naille, legacy	7 62
Life membership	2,493 11
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	8,500 73
Paid to sixty-four annuitants	3,862 15
Paid to 'Treasurers' salary and bond	610 00
Paid to D. S. M. Home as per order	147 29
Paid for traveling expenses	114 29
Paid for postage and stationery	23 00
Cash in treasury, Sept. 30th, 1903	4,064 70
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	\$21,872 16

ASSETS.

Invested fund	\$59,095 00
Cash in treasury, Sept. 30, 1903	4,064 70
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	\$63,159 70

The following ministers have become members during the year:

LIFE MEMBERS: Revs. Ernest W. Henschen, William Stechow, George W. Hartman, Jerome B. Henry, William Bonekemper, Carl Bank, D.D.; John P. Dieffenderfer, John M. Grether, J. Harvey Mickley, Henry S. Garner, Cyrus M. Hartzell, Isaac S. Stahr, Daniel N. Harnish, J. Grant Walter, Gustave R. Poetter, James R. Brown, John A. Danner, Abner S. Dechant, A. Emil Dahlman, D. D.; Lewis D. Steckel, David W. Ebbert, D.D.; Hiram J. Hillegass, Eugene P. Skyles, Paul H. Land, J. Lewis Fluck, William S. Adams, Melchoir Denny, James W. Meminger, D. D.; Ellis S. Hay, Lewis C. Edmonds, Albert Lobach, Dewalt S. Fouse, D. D.; John A. Mertz, J. Hamilton Smith and Ernest W. Weaver.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Revs. J. N. Faust and William A. McClellan.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY: Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis M. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Adressor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Adressor, Jefferson, Md.

Attention is also called to the noble cause the Society represents, and the increasing number of ministers and widows of ministers calling for financial aid, with the hope that your reverend body will make more liberal provision for them.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, .

I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer,*

Oct. 9, 1903.

Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, begs leave to report the following:

It is with pleasure that the Synod learns of the steady growth of this Society and of the good which, under the blessing of our Heavenly Father, it is accomplishing.

Resolved, Since the number of dependents increases year by year, we again commend this worthy cause to the members of the Church within the bounds of this Synod, and urge that it be presented to the people at least once a year, and that they be urged to a larger liberality in behalf of our dependent ministers.

C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

Deaconess House.

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess House presented their annual report. It was read, acted on item by item, adopted, and then referred to a special committee, Revs. P. A. DeLong, W. A. Korn, Ph.D., and Elder Deatrick Hildebrand. They presented their report on Monday evening. It was read and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home to be established in York, Pa., begs leave to submit the following report:

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home:
Revs. H. M. J. Klein, E. B. Lyttle, F. C. Seitz, H. H. Apple;
Elders I. Laucks, W. A. Dromgold, P. C. Wiest.

Temperance.

The following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its sympathy with the cause of temperance, heartily endorses the effort made by the citizens of Salisbury to banish the saloon from their community, and prays for its success on November 12, the day set apart for the decision of this most important question; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be given to the press of the city for publication.

On Monday evening Rev. M. O. Noll, in behalf of Synod, presented to Dr. Duttera a purse containing \$51.50, for the repainting of Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury. Rev. Dr. Duttera briefly replied, thanking Synod for the gift.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod presented its report, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report:

During the past synodical year but one death occurred in the membership of our Synod.

REV. THOMAS FRANKLIN HOFFMEIER.

Rev. Thomas Franklin Hoffmeier, the son of Rev. Charles F. and Margaret (Weiser) Hoffmeier, was born in Lancaster, Pa., October 30, 1837, was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. C. Baker, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., and when fourteen years old he was received into full membership with the Church by his father, at Somerset, Pa. He graduated with honors from Franklin and Marshall College in 1861, and took his course in Theology at Mercersburg, Pa., graduating with the class of 1868.

He was licensed at Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa., by Lancaster Classis, May 23, 1868, and ordained to the holy ministry at Landisburg, Pa., June 29 of the same year. He served the Landisburg charge, consisting of the Landisburg, Loysville, St. Peter's and Germany congregations, from 1868 to June 28,

1872, and the Bloomsburg charge, consisting of the Bloomsburg and Heller's or Emanuel's congregations, from February 29, 1872, to July 1, 1876. On July 10, 1876, he became pastor of the Middletown, Md., charge, and continued to serve this field for twenty-one years till July 10, 1897, organizing during this period, on April 29, 1883, the congregation at Braddock, five miles from Middletown. From August 11, 1897, to the time of his death he was pastor of the Mt. Pleasant charge, consisting of the Mt. Pleasant, Union Chapel and Grace Trinity, supplying at the same time the Centerville or Rocky Hill congregation, and from July 15, 1900, the Braddock congregation.

The Church called Rev. Hoffmeier to fill many positions of trust and honor. He was president of this Synod at Woodstock, Va., in 1898; corresponding secretary of the General Synod at Reading, Pa., 1893; a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of which he was secretary for four years; president of the Board of Trustees; a member of the Board of Education of this Synod and secretary of the same from October, 1899, to the time of decease; and secretary of the Society for the Relief of Ministers since 1883. For many years Bro. Hoffmeier was an active figure at various meetings of this Synod, rendering valuable service as a wise counselor and a faithful servant. He was one of God's noble workmen, possessing a truly great heart, a self-sacrificing spirit, a good, sound, clear mind which he exercised always so willingly in behalf of his Church.

On November 2, 1869, Rev. Hoffmeier was married to Miss Sallie Miller Ankeny, daughter of John T. Ankeny, of near Clearspring, Md. Seven children were born to them—four daughters and three sons.

Rev. Hoffmeier died after a brief illness on Nov. 1, 1902, at his home in Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, Md. Appropriate and impressive services were held by a number of the ministers of Maryland Classis in the Reformed Church at Mt. Pleasant on November 5, and on the following day the body was taken to St. Paul's Reformed Church near Clearspring, which had been the spiritual home of his beloved companion, and there it was laid to rest.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. HILLEGASS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its hearty thanks to the pastor and congregation of Faith Reformed Church and the citizens of Salisbury, N. C., for their very kind hospitality and most royal entertainment during the Thirty-first Annual Sessions of the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be given to the pastor, Rev. W. B. Duttera, and to the pastors of the other churches of the city, and they be requested to read the same from their pulpits to their respective congregations. Also that a copy be given to the press of the city for publication.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of Synod to the Trunk Line and Southeastern Passenger Associations for reduced rates to the members of Synod.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay to the pastor of the church in which these sessions were held the sum of twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and those found absent without permission were excused.

The journal of Monday's session was then read and approved and the Minute of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Everett, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 26, A. D. 1904, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 26, 1903, at 8.30 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

MILES O. NOLL, *President*,
E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

ZION'S CLASS S.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.		Sunday-Schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.							
		Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-natal of Prof'n.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Com'ly.	Deaths, Un'ed.			Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Home-schooled Per-sons.	Un-officials.		
Aaron Spangler	Trinity	310	237	150	25	1	10	4	3	11	7	3	0	41	537	..	\$ 40 00	\$ 548 00	20	511 W. Market St., York.
Aaron H. Letzer	Without charge																			Hart. Berks Co., Pa.
Francis C. Yeat, D.D.	Heldelberg, York.	592	425	241	15	2	20	26	6	..	0	4	1	31	685	..	420 00	14112 00	12	116 N. Beaver St., York.
George S. Sorber	Bethany, York.	144	109	83	18	11	11	20	6	3	1	2	1	20	235	..	63 00	676 00	8	714 W. King St., York.
George Stultz, Ph.D.	Zion's, York.	450	361	200	33	15	15	35	6	..	5	..	1	45	492	..	821 00	1851 00	12	411 W. Phila. St., York.
John J. Stauffer	Dallastown	170	106	120	9	6	6	7	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	42 00	640 00	13	746 Poplar St., York.
Oliver P. Schellhammer	Paradise	1000	688	675	87	4	37	7	12	..	21	24	5	48	900	1	515 00	4045 00	40	421 W. Phila. St., York.
Raymond E. Butz, M.D.	Without charge																			York, Pa.
Henry H. Apple	Trin, 1st Ref., York	544	415	220	15	2	8	8	3	..	8	2	1	38	340	..	1110 00	2552 00	15	119 S. Duke St., York
Charles P. Kehl	Dillsburg	228	128	130	5	2	9	..	..	..	5	5	4	46	822	..	70 00	735 00	16	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa
Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D.	Kreutz Creek	350	239	100	17	11	11	2	6	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	237 00	1090 00	28	Hellam, York Co., Pa
Hiram J. Hillegas	Shrewsbury	437	350	301	28	2	21	14	4	..	12	3	4	74	410	..	353 00	1135 00	20	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
H. M. J. Klein	Grace, York	1344	294	300	8	1	19	15	4	4	2	3	1	38	507	..	812 00	4336 00	9	223 N. Hartley St., York.
E. Bruce Lytle	Memorial, York	1801	128	89	10	1	10	12	2	6	5	5	1	26	260	..	159 00	1555 00	10	117 W. Market St., York.
Israel S. Leiby	Glen Rock	405	170	230	25	..	1	17	12	11	8	0	2	32	181	..	545 00	800 00	20	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
J. Kern McKee	St. John's	112	105	110	13	1	1	7	..	1	2	0	2	..	..	..	80 00	2153 00	6	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Charles B. Heiny	Without charge																			York, Pa.
W. A. Korn, Ph.D., supply	Lacant Grove	25	23	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	18	45	..	22 00	64 00	..	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
J. Kern McKee, supply	Lelmon	15	14	13	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	19 00	4	Red Lion, York Co., Pa
Total, 17	16.	5374	4350	2988	308	15	183	146	63	85	80	68	34	561	4888	1	94710 00	537814 00	275	

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Attest: AARON SPANGLER, Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.		Losses.			Students - Schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.					
		Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Renure of Name.	Deaths, Confes.	Deaths, Unconf.		Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholar.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
J. A. Hoffelma, D.D.	Christ	1	361	201	120	5	17	17	8			1	1	1	28	182	\$ 500 00	\$ 1839 00	0
J. W. Rauch	Falling Waters.	1	17	14	3	3	4	1				1	1	1	7	40	25 00	33 00	0
G. G. Everhart	St. Stephen	1	18	17	10	1	6	4						1	0	192 00	260 00	0	
Joshua May	Without charge.																		
Samuel A. Hittner	Without charge.																		
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock	2	247	230	160	1	6	7	5			1	1	1	16	84	404 00	1375 00	
H. Ditzler	Mill Creek	4	106	172	123	4	7	1	2			2	2	3	24	174	110 00	860 00	
J. Silar Garrison	Massanutten Acad.																		
Lewis T. Lampe	St. James	1	130	118	80	0	1	0	0			4		1	14	70	290 00	1760 00	12
R. Raymond Jones	Middlebrook	2	219	187	72	4	6	8	0		3	4		2	28	196	140 00	1178 48	12
Ellis S. Hay	St. Paul's	1	60	42	32	1	5	7	4					1	11	60	45 00	426 00	0
Heary Wisler	Without charge																		
A. Theo. Wright	Rockingham ..	3	324	310	163	7	5	5	1			7	1	4	23	167	467 00	757 00	17
A. Shulenberger	Edinburg	3	145	120	68	6	5	5	1		3	5	4	2	16	113	116 00	560 00	14
M. A. Kleffer	Timberville ..	3	270	236	127	13	7	17	5		5	5	2	2	10	165	101 00	567 00	10
T. K. Cromet	Winchester ..	2	121	93	81	5	6	6	2			2	1	2	19	96	135 00	680 00	15
Supply	Smithfield	1	8	7	1													88 00	
Andrew H. Smith	Harriaville	2	231	226	80	0	10	8	12		11	1	1	2	20	217	263 19	1386 48	15
Joseph Elmer Gay	Shepherdstown	2	176	100	52	1	5	2						2	21	126	131 00	785 00	14
Ben K. Hay	Mt. Crawford ..	3	199	180	45									3	46	154	177 00		12
Total.	16.	32	2543	2321	1209	841	40	100	72	62	22	41	12	23	304	1894	\$3185 00	\$12700 00	189

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Mt. Crawford, W. Va.
Martinsburg, W. Va.
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Harrisonburg, Va.
Bayard, W. Va.
Edinburg, Va.
Woodstock, Va.
Mt. Jackson, Va.
Woodstock, Va.
Lovettsville, Va.
Arbor Hill, Va.
Roanoke, Va.
Thurmont, Md.
Mt. Crawford, Va.
Edinburg, Va.
Timberville, Va.
Winchester, Va.
Winchester, Va.
Toms Brook, Va.
Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Mt. Crawford, Va.

MINISTERS.

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

Members.

Additions.

Losses.

Students.

Contributions.

Beneficent Por-pose.

Congregational Purposes.

Minutes Wanted.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Martinsburg, W. Va.
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Roanoke, Va.
Thurmont, Md.
Mt. Crawford, Va.
Edinburg, Va.
Timberville, Va.
Winchester, Va.
Winchester, Va.
Toms Brook, Va.
Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Mt. Crawford, Va.

NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.			Sunday-Schools.	Contributions.		Mission Work.					
		Communicants.	Commended.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-Conversion of Prof's.		Displaced.	Excommunicated.		Deaths, Com'd.	Deaths, Uncom'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Perseverant Prof.	Congregational.
John Hughes	Without charge.	1	78	50	22	3	1	3		1			1	80	\$ 40 00	\$ 180 00	Green Park, N. C.
Michael L. Hudick	Without charge.																Bliss Hill, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Grace																Newton, N. C.
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.	Apt. of Catawba Co.																Newton, N. C.
John A. Bell, D.D.	Without charge																Newton, N. C.
Paul Garretts	Without charge.																Newton, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.	Hickory	1	169	152	58	6	1	7	15	2	3		12	112	220 00	694 00	Mt Pleasant, N. C.
James C. Leonard	Lexington Mission	1	53	60	30	10	3	5	6	1			12	212	68 00	480 00	Hickory, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly, D.D.	Central Rowan	4	202	196	270	16	12	25	3	5	3		36	420	122 00	420 00	Lexington, N. C.
James H. Andrew	Hurricane Mission	3	171	146	50	5	15	25	6	6	7		8	495	165 00	525 00	Lexington, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford	Without charge																Hickory, N. C.
Charles A. M. Hildebrand	Upper Davidson	4	435	335	192	7	10	29	3	17	22	2	38	500	197 00	1800 00	Lexington, N. C.
Wm. M. McNary	Lower Mission	1	14	12		1	1	2	3				3	15	11 00	425 00	Lexington, N. C.
Charles Clapp	Without charge	3	122	220	200	10		13	2	10					200 00	565 00	Newton, N. C.
Charles H. Woodard	East Rowan																Newton, N. C.
Henry E. Gordon	Without charge																Newton, N. C.
John L. Bowers	West Rowan	2	213	170	110	9		1	4	9	1	2	26	254	102 00	405 00	Newton, N. C.
John H. Butler	New Union	2	250	240	330	25	14	14	15	2	1	5	27	274	182 00	475 00	Newton, N. C.
Wm. H. Butler, D.D.	Salisbury Mission	1	52	33	37	3	3	15	2	2			10	150	38 00	650 00	Newton, N. C.
Wm. H. Stubbins, D.D.	Newton	1	149	100	90	7	1	6	6	15	2	1	17	147	305 00	1815 00	Newton, N. C.
David E. Bowers	High Point Mission	4	41	37	19	4	8	17	17	9	3	2	11	140	27 00	95 00	Newton, N. C.
Samuel W. Beck	Catawba	1	181	164	82	2	1	11	3	5	4	2	11	62	67 00	190 00	Newton, N. C.
Walter W. Bower	Thomasville Mission	3	240	106	105	2	1	4	4	6	15	4	23	225	62 00	490 00	Newton, N. C.
Walter E. Bell	Lincoln	4	321	257	143	13	5	15	10	10	12	7	26	167	202 00	544 00	Newton, N. C.
Wm. H. Cason	Lower Davidson	3	241	151	15	5	5	15	5	9			21	120		205 00	Newton, N. C.
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro Mission	1	18	13	25												Newton, N. C.
W. R. McNary, supply	Blowing Rock	1	13	12													Newton, N. C.
Vacant	Guthrie	2	311	40	70	1	3	21	2	8			16	147	70 00	200 00	Newton, N. C.
Vacant	Rehoboth	1	34	40	70	1					3		1	70	21 00	100 00	Newton, N. C.
Vacant	Concord	1	46	45	75	1			4	1	1		10	73	65 00	402 00	Concord, N. C.
Total.		47	3778	2548	1743	1740	50	140	132	100	76	51	11	1120	\$245 00	\$4423 00	

MINISTERS.

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS

MINISTERS NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday-Schools			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
	Congregational.	Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	(Confirmed)	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Discontinued.	Resigned or Name.	Deaths, Transferred.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		Minutes Wanted.
Jos. W. Santee, D.D. Without charge	1	500	348	24		19	14	15	1	17	14	1	80	\$2681 00	\$4731 00	Mercersburg, Pa. 1506 Bolton St., Balto., Md.
Geo. L. Staley, D.D. Without charge	1	407	408	150	13	20	6	20	1	0	8	1	45	858 00	2519 00	Frederick, Md. Hagerstown, Md.
Ed. B. Bachbach, D.D. Evangelical Ref	1	681	487	448	37	28	15	1	1	0	7	1	32	605 00	7417 00	822 N Calvert St., Balto.
J. Spangler Kleffer, D.D. Zion	1	317	239	64	0	11	6	4	..	2	3	3	35	800 00	2800 00	510 W Mulberry St., Balto.
Joel T. Rosalter, D.D. First Church	1	441	257	2-5	17	15	15	4	..	3	5	3	62	256 00	728 00	Frederick, Md
Conrad Clever, D.D. Third Church	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	175 Lacock St., Allegheny Pa.
Silas M. Hanch, Utica	1	176	120	198	13	6	2	2	12	1	1	1	21	212 00	1080 00	Havre, Baltimore, Md.
Jack R. Kershner Without charge	3	278	218	57	5	14	2	16	13	5	1	2	40	178 00	1018 00	342 3d Av., Woodberry, Md.
Louis F. Zinkhan, Supt. Bayview Asyl	1	145	129	57	2	4	3	4	1	2	1	1	18	203 00	1018 00	Keechville, Md.
E. Ranson Dentrick, B.D. Trinity	1	386	341	176	15	18	16	5	3	5	4	2	40	421 00	4074 00	Westminster, Md.
Barton R. Carnahan St Paul's	2	328	315	260	33	38	17	4	30	1	8	1	44	201 00	1869 00	Hagerstown, Md.
Calvin S. Single, Christ, Hagerstown	1	437	180	44	23	23	10	25	..	3	2	4	68	228 00	2853 00	130 8 Patt Park Av., Balto.
George A. Snyder, Faith	4	217	186	108	8	2	1	1	..	2	3	2	32	330 00	800 00	Thurmont, Md.
Adam S. Weber, D.D. Jefferson	2	121	90	84	6	9	6	4	1	1	1	1	19	103 00	568 00	Jefferson, Md
George A. Whitmore Without charge	3	258	210	98	4	2	2	2	..	5	..	3	32	142 00	580 00	Boonsboro Md.
George W. Snyder St Stephen's	3	273	217	118	10	13	2	5	..	..	2	3	40	874 00	1230 00	308 E 23d St., Balto., Md
Charles W. Levan, Union Bridge	3	510	450	474	27	16	18	4	3	10	18	1	37	643 00	8408 00	Union Bridge, Md.
Hiram J. Macallister, Manor	3	857	412	237	15	16	2	5	..	8	1	3	48	805 00	1122 00	Adamstown, Md.
Atvill Conner Without charge	1	320	270	198	23	9	8	10	..	6	8	1	23	273 00	925 00	Frederick, Md.
Jenac M. Motter St. Paul's, Balto	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	10	18	1	37	643 00	8408 00	1314 W Mulberry St., Balto
Lloyd E. Cobblets Manchester	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	3	48	805 00	1122 00	Manchester, Md.
Samuel M. Roeder, Taneytown	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	1	23	273 00	925 00	Taneytown, Md.
Alexander Bateman, Ph.D. Taneytown	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Frederick, Md.
Almon R. Miller Trans Relief Soc	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	New Holland, Pa.
Christopher Noss, Foreign Missionary	2	225	194	75	10	9	1	7	..	3	4	3	84	267 00	1225 00	Clearspring, Md.
Fred W. Reid, Clearspring	1	146	125	46	7	8	7	7	1	..	1	1	9	50 00	800 00	Clearspring, Md.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger Emmittsburg	1	648	388	300	16	21	7	4	1	8	1	1	58	620 00	8123 00	Emmittsburg, Md.
John W. Pontius, Christ, Middletown	1	247	190	175	28	13	23	12	..	4	8	1	27	220 00	4010 00	Middletown, Md.
Rugene L. McLean, Grace, Frederick	1	254	206	129	11	4	15	10	..	1	4	2	87	260 00	708 00	Frederick, Md.
David J. Wolf, Glade	2	135	100	60	6	7	2	2	..	..	1	1	21	104 00	1129 00	Walkersville, Md.
Elmer L. Cobblets, St Paul's, Ridersly	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ridersly, Md.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members				Additions.				Losses.				Sundays-Schools.		Students for Ministry		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Discontinued.	Recommenced.	Deaths, Conf'd.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Student for Ministry		Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
William K. Zieher, D.D.	Without charge	1	298	292	294	18	1	12	8	4	4	5	3	1	21	170	1	\$ 420 00	\$1120 00	18	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Seminary																				444 W James St, Lancaster.
Thos. J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg	4	527	500	375	48	1	34	10	5	4	9	6	4	28	280		228 00	1200 00	30	Gettysburg, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs, D.D.	Without charge	3	740	670	475	61	6	43	22	16	16	17	5	3	64	368		1011 00	1350 00	31	Littlestown, Pa.
John H. Hartman.	West Mapleton.	3	869	250	208	18	1	11	6	5	5	4	3	8	28	200		268 00	1478 00	15	Hanover, Pa.
Frabels S. Lindaman.	Christ Church																				Littlestown, Pa.
John F. Mackley	Cashtown																				Fairfield, Pa.
J. Marion Mickle	Without charge.																				McKnightstown, Pa.
William D. Lefevre.	Without charge.																				Stuyvesant, Del.
Maraby J. Roth	Trinity	1	597	552	375	45	1	26	30	11	11	32	15	4	25	530	1	380 00	1321 00	14	Hanover, Pa.
Paul M. Spangler	East Berlin.	4	339	275	96	22	11	28	8	4	4	7	4	4	40	301		131 00	734 00	14	East Berlin, Pa.
Wharton A. Kline.	Prof Ursinus Coll																				Cottagesville, Pa.
Frederick C. Seltz.	Kimmannel	1	496	356	152	15	2	15	18	5	5	5	2	1	51	235	5	1389 00	3907 00	15	Hanover, Pa.
Nathan W. Seebler.	Jefferson	3	779	741	510	27	38	4	17	4	17	34	12	3	30	360		852 00	1055 00	16	Codorus, Pa.
Alexander P. Frantz	Lesbey	2	425	344	275	35	1	26	20	5	5	7	4	2	33	283		296 00	4900 00	18	Spring Forge, Pa.
J. Hamilton Smith.	Littlestown	1	335	255	119	9	13	13	13	6	6	1	5	3	25	189		308 00	808 00	15	Littlestown, Pa.
Theodore C. Henson	Arendtville	2	424	375	200	7	2	9	8	5	5	13	2	2	40	300		403 00	798 00	20	Arendtville, Pa.
Jacob M. Stick	Missionary to Japan																				Sandal, Japan.
Wllas P. Manger	New Oxford	3	613	465	265	19		8	8	13	13	2	4	5	50	330		329 00	1140 00	20	New Oxford, Pa.
William B. Snabong.	Without charge																				Hanover, Pa.
Thos. J. Barkley, Supply	St. Mark's.	1	87	83	60	3	1	4	6	2	2	3		1	10	05		98 00	150 00	6	Gettysburg, Pa.
Total.	18.	29	6020	5389	3894	329	37	277	161	102	78	106	42	29	434	3552	6	\$5491 00	\$39250 00	205	

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday-Schools.			Contributions.			PRINT OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Discontinued.	Rescinded.	Rescinded.	Excommunicated.	Excommunicated.	Dea. Ch. Cont. Ch.	Dea. Ch. Cont. Ch.		Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Renewal Pur-pose.	Congregational Pur-pose.	Minutes Wanted.
Miles U. Noll.	Carlisle	1	401	172	167	10	9	17	14	13	1	4	30	435	..	\$1148 00	\$2225 00	13	Carlisle, Pa.	
Samuel H. Stein.	Mechanicsburg	1	250	214	75	7	5	7	8	7	..	5	20	250	..	390 00	1075 00	25	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	
Vacant	Sulphur Springs	4	202	183	111	5	2	7	0	7	2	2	48	332	..	230 00	1573 00	20	Carlisle, Pa.	
Ernest E. Weaver.	Newburg	1	131	126	112	8	2	4	3	4	..	4	20	154	1	144 00	708 00	20	Newburg, Pa.	
George W. Shellenberger.	Landisburg	4	801	280	200	8	..	10	0	18	17	8	08	484	..	526 00	1296 00	25	Landisburg, Pa.	
J. Thomas Fox.	New Bloomfield	2	140	116	90	21	..	10	3	6	..	6	25	155	1	154 00	700 00	20	New Bloomfield, Pa.	
Charles A. Waltman.	Zion's	4	448	339	207	16	4	9	6	6	..	4	48	345	2	330 00	971 00	25	Blain, Pa.	
*Frank L. Kerr.	Newport	1	276	147	..	1	..	..	..	12	..	4	26	200	..	187 00	847 00	10	Newport, Pa.
Vacant	Duncannon	8	218	154	..	8	2	10	7	3	..	1	30	222	..	211 00	2740 00	18	Duncannon, Pa.	
Solomon B. Schafer.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Martinsburg, Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Philadelphia, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
George A. House.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dayton, Ohio.
William E. Groh.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Carlisle, Pa.
Edwin D. Melzell.	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Greensburg, Pa.
Frank W. Shellenberger.	Leontiate.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mt Tabor, Pa.
Total.		21	2452	1440	1065	82	24	74	63	75	20	34	1120	322	25	\$3320 00	\$12224 00	173		

*Received and installed, July 29, 1903.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday-School.			Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
		Communicants	Confirmed	Transferred	Confirmed or Re-converted	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated	Deaths, Communicated
Fred. A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge	1	815	480	211	19	19	17	11	7	7	4	1	34	354	30
J. F. Moyer	Christ	4	487	412	257	25	25	1	4	7	7	3	0	54	542	30
S. U. Waughman	Greenfield	3	250	223	224	13	13	6	14	1	5	4	2	10	134	21
Daniel G. Hetrick	Schellsburg	4	207	181	70	11	11	22	23	12	7	1	3	20	210	38
E. W. Stonebraker	Yellow Creek	1	480	380	250	30	30	14	14	3	3	1	1	36	387	15
Lewis Robb	Tribity	1	105	152	75	10	10	15	8	2	2	1	1	15	105	12
Vacant	St John's	3	212	137	90	14	14	20	3	4	4	1	2	24	221	10
Vacant	Saxton	1	144	201	125	16	16	12	0	8	8	2	2	27	290	12
P. A. DeLong	Huntingdon	3	358	103	141	13	13	5	14	10	8	5	2	20	110	21
W. H. Landis	Sulphur Springs	1	358	275	143	0	0	9	8	1	1	1	1	54	253	20
B. F. Bauman	Dunlap's Creek	1	157	150	175	6	6	17	1	1	1	1	1	27	213	20
John D. Hicks	Grace	3	414	310	145	22	22	5	4	2	2	1	2	28	280	50
A. F. Nace	St Clairsville	3	236	205	135	4	4	7	5	15	12	3	4	60	235	20
J. S. Hefner	Hickory Bottom	3	378	275	145	5	5	4	7	10	10	2	2	25	136	26
Howard Obold	Water Street	3	314	243	170	12	12	6	4	8	8	3	3	40	253	30
Walter E. Garrett	McConnellstown	2	260	214	105	5	5	18	1	1	7	2	2	25	130	26
W. C. Shugh	Martinsburg	3	311	248	90	7	7	11	17	20	7	6	5	42	206	20
George W. Welab	Woodcock Valley	2	152	101	111	2	2	4	3	23	2	1	1	21	153	16
J. David Miller	Everett	3	65	40	20	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	00	8
Supply	Orbisonia	3	135	128	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	00	14
E. Frank Foust	Clear Ridge	3	314	285	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	00	20
Chas. W. Warlick	Friend's Cove	3
Totals	19	53	6289	5243	2761	225	225	39/213	170	143	97/100	86	46	653	4744	307
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Lie Blanchard A. Black, dismissed to Iowa Classis
 Lie John N. Stone, dismissed to Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod
 Lie Calvin Skyles, dismissed to Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
 Rev. A. C. Thompson, dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.
 Rev. J. W. Hendricks, dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio, Synod.

Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the Year A. D., 1903.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Members.				Additions.				Loans.				S. Schools.				Contributions.						
	Communicants		Confirmed		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certs. or Renew. of Profession.		Dismissed.		Recomm. unclassified.		Name of Name of Name of		Students for Ministry.	Benefit Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.		
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.					
Zion's	1	37	5374	4350	2089	308	151	183	148	68	30	68	34	561	4580	1	34,710 00	\$ 87,314 00					
Maryland	1	45	10597	8420	5907	471	46	468	278	200	102	136	106	1208	8477	7	12,400 00	71,000 00					
Mercersburg	1	24	3500	2069	1121	01	56	130	94	97	50	50	21	871	2685	0	4,400 00	35,007 00					
Virginia	1	20	2042	2221	1200	64	40	100	72	53	22	41	13	304	1894	1	3,105 00	12,708 00					
North Carolina	1	26	3719	2505	1743	103	50	162	122	109	70	51	11	306	3322	7	2,598 00	8,418 00					
Gettysburg	1	20	6030	5100	3300	329	27	277	161	102	73	106	52	39	434	3582	0	5,491 00	20,230 00				
Carlisle	1	14	2452	1040	1066	52	24	74	63	75	20	34	11	20	322	3580	4	3,320 00	12,224 00				
Pennate	1	50	6286	5231	2001	221	39	213	179	143	97	109	36	46	551	4784	6	6,763 00	25,439 00				
Total.	8	177	40888	33006	20411	1724	304	1607	1116	841	445	613	311	274	4176	32202	32	842,847 00	\$252,414 00				
Eastern Synod	12	324	646	107577	84887	5580	646	4010	3526	1861	2	1687	1870	959	11244	91638	71	118,871 00	690,619 00				
Ohio Synod.....	4	140	234	20503	20012	704	448	1110	1130	682	1	700	851	84	221	8378	24462	25	35,544 00	143,921 00			
Synod of N. West	12	175	225	23146	14005	1000	84	1218	815	318	2	510	341	180	200	1444	12845	24	20,845 00	106,485 00			
Pittsburg Synod	5	100	150	10800	10800	1018	136	845	857	532	..	437	201	108	144	1862	18804	9	33,761 00	137,790 00			
German Synod of East	4	07	65	14019	12086	1885	35	708	786	121	0	1252	283	178	58	1124	11004	5	10,258 00	113,741 00			
Central Synod	5	106	121	20021	10004	1200	95	908	770	225	2	645	310	100	105	1001	13374	16	18,005 00	123,226 00			
Synod of Interior...	5	67	65	3835	2550	1277	07	137	204	111	..	125	64	8	62	852	4127	0	7,508 00	36,887 00			
Total	57	1138	1700	250983	202555	183490	1834	1604	11696	6204	13	5806	4117	2047	1682	25480	204396	137	\$382,787 00	\$1496,914 00			

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSIONS

AND

REPRESENTATIVE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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EVERETT, PA., OCTOBER 26-31, 1904

CARLISLE, PA., JUNE 14-15, 1904

REPRESENTATIVE

REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD

NO 1306 Arch Street

1904

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers—J. K. McKee, H. J. Hillegas, E. B. Lyttle, F. H. Apple.

Elders—E. A. Rice.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers—L. E. Coblentz, S. M. Roeder, C. S. Slagle, A. Conner, E. L. Coblentz, J. W. Pontius, G. A. Whitmore, D. J. Wolf, J. T. Rossiter, D. D., R. J. Pilgram, E. R. Dea- rick, B. D., W. S. Fisher, J. S. Hartman, G. A. Snyder, J. B. Stonesifer.

Elders—C. M. Thomas, E. Cornman, J. Gassman, I. Hoffman, T. M. Hoffman, L. F. Kefauver, G. W. Crum, Conner, W. S. Kefauver, G. W. Eyerly, R. F. Thomas.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers—I. N. Peightel, F. F. Bahner, D. D., E. Keen, C. A. Santée, W. C. Cremer, D. D.

Elders—J. A. Diehl, J. E. Omwake, I. H. Kieffer, F. R. Bossert.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers—A. H. Smith, J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., R. R. Jones, J. H. Guy.

Elders—H. E. Bailey, J. H. Keller.

V.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers—J. H. Smith, T. J. Barkley, D. D.

Elders—G. W. Weaver, J. P. Butt, J. H. Schriver.

VI.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

No delegates were present.

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers—M. O. Noll, G. W. Shellenberger, J. T. Fox, W. H. Groh, E. E. Weaver.

Elders—S. S. Brenner, Dr. E. A. Shulenberger, F. A. Daihl.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers—P. A. DeLong, H. Obold, J. D. Miller, W. C. Slough, L. Robb, J. S. Heffner, G. W. Welsh.

Elders—J. Brewster, G. L. Freet, L. Roudabush, J. L. Grove, G. S. Grove, C. C. Roudabush.

Advisory Members.

There were present at the sessions of Synod the following advisory members:

Mercersburg Classis—Rev. C. H. Ranck.

Gettysburg Classis—Revs. J. C. Bowman, D. D., J. M. Mickley.

Carlisle Classis—Rev. H. H. Wissler.

THE CALL.

The call issued by the president was read. It is as follows:

CARLISLE, PA., May 6th, 1904.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE POTOMAC SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Dear Brethren: Having had placed in my hands the prescribed constitutional request for a special meeting of Potomac Synod, I hereby call the same to convene in the First Reformed church of Carlisle, Pa., on Tuesday, June 14, 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m., to take action on the following items of business:

1. To receive and consider the resignation of the Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis and Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

2. If the resignation of Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., is accepted, to elect his successor in said professorship.

3. To confirm the election of a professor of Systematic Theology, and that of a professor of Practical Theology, should notice be given by the Eastern Synod and the Pittsburg Synod, respecting either or both, that such election had taken place.

MILES O. NOLL,

President of Synod.

It was, on motion, taken up for consideration item by item.

Under Item I three papers were presented and read in the order of their presentation.

(a) A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

HARRISBURG, PA., *May 30, 1904.*

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary received and instructed me to transmit to your reverend body the resignation of Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis, and I herewith enclose the same.

Sincerely yours,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

(b) Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary held a special session in Lancaster, March 22, 1904. The exigencies of the Seminary demanded such a meeting, and were found to be of so grave a nature as to constrain the Board to adopt measures to secure a special meeting of the Synods having control of the institution. The report addressed to your reverend body has been sent in the same form to the other two synods, that all the synods may have a full view of the situation, and take such action severally and conjointly as the conditions may require.

At its special meeting the Board directed its secretary to report to the synods the facts as they then existed. At that time Rev. William Rupp, D. D., was in a critical condition of illness and there was no hope that he would ever be able to resume his duties. At the same time Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart was physically enfeebled, but there was a reasonable hope that he might be spared to the Church if he should be relieved of his exacting duties.

The Board's action was to suggest to the synods that the ~~above-named~~ professors be relieved of their duties, that ~~pro-~~
~~vision~~ be made for them during their natural lives, that men
 be elected to fill the chairs respectively held by them, and
 that Dr. Gerhart be declared Professor Emeritus, with the
 salary he then received and the use of the house he then
 occupied.

These suggestions have been disposed of by a higher
 power, since it has pleased our Father to call his faithful
 servants to rest. The remaining feature of the situation as
 then was is unaltered, and will fully appear under Item III
 of this report.

The Board reports to your reverend body the death of
 Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, and in so doing records its grateful
 appreciation of the eminent services he rendered to the Church
 and her institutions during his long life.

Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., was born June
 3, 1817, and died May 6, 1904. He was one of the stu-
 dents of the first school of our Church in York, Pa. He
 moved with the school to Mercersburg, Pa., where it became
 Marshall College, and graduated in 1838.

He was successively pastor, missionary pastor, instructor,
 college president, and theological professor. In all these de-
 partments of service he filled his places of trust with credit
 to himself and honor to the Church. He rendered efficient
 service to our central institutions at Lancaster for almost fifty
 years, never shirking either responsibility or service. Who-
 ever will reflect upon the history made by the Church during
 these years and the part he had in moulding her life will also
 have a growing appreciation of the value of such a man and
 the esteem in which his memory should be held. He bore the
 heat and burden of the day; preserved his vigorous intellect
 to the end of his long and useful life, and filled the exacting
 demands of his position down to the preparation of what
 proved to be his last report of the condition and needs of the
 institution he had so long and faithfully served. He was the
 senior member of the faculty, having filled the chair of Sys-
 tematic Theology from 1868 to the close of the Seminary year
 1904. He led the graduating class to the College chapel
 May 1, 1904, and reverently took part in the services. When

the work of the year was done, and the doors of the institution were closed, on the following day he fell asleep. It was fitting, it was beautiful, that one whose life was so methodical, regular, and exact should be honored by our heavenly Father to linger until the work of the year was finished.

We recommend that Synod proceed at once to fill the chair of systematic theology by an election of a successor to Dr. Gerhart.

II. It is with great sorrow that the Board makes known the death of Rev. William Rupp, D. D., professor of Practical Theology. Dr. Rupp was born April 17, 1839. He died April 3, 1904. Faithful and laborious in his devotion to the Church as a pastor, he brought his great abilities and capacity for work to the service of the Seminary upon the acceptance of the call tendered him by the Pittsburg Synod in 1892. He entered upon his labors in the Seminary in January, 1894. In his own department of instruction, in the editorship of the "Reformed Church Review," and in other public duties, he called attention to the Church and Seminary as a centre and sphere of advanced thinking, of broad liberality, and positive faith. He was fearless in investigation, submissive to the authority of truth, and clear and forceful in the presentation of any subject he handled. By his departure the Seminary has lost one who gave the best years of his life to its service, and who spared not his time and strength in the heavy labors of his position. If he undertook more than his strength permitted, it was because of his energy and honesty, which impelled him to labor to the full measure of his powers.

We recommend that Synod proceed at once to fill the chair of practical theology by an election of a successor to Dr. Rupp.

III. Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis, on March 22, gave notice of his intention to resign. After thirteen years of faithful service, greatly appreciated by the Church and Seminary, Dr. Bowman feels constrained to re-enter the pastorate. The reasons assigned for this course were such, and the earnestness of his purpose so evident, that the Board, regretting as it does the loss of his valuable services, could not interpose an objection to his announced purpose. His resignation was laid before the Board and received by it May 5, and has been transmitted to the stated clerk of the Synod of the Potomac.

We recommend that in the event of the acceptance by **Synod** of the resignation of Dr. Bowman, it proceed at once **to fill** the chair of New Testament Exegesis by an election.

IV. We recommend that the persons elected to the **respective** chairs be directed to take up their work at the earliest **practical** moment.

V. Since the election of a professor by one synod is not **final** until said election is approved by a majority of the three **synods**, we recommend to your reverend bodies respectively, **that** as soon as you have taken action you report the same **to** the other synods, and that you remain in session long **enough** to receive and act upon the reports they may send **to** you.

It will be understood that Item I calls for the action of **the** Eastern Synod, Item II for that of the Pittsburgh Synod, **Item** III for that of the Synod of the Potomac, and Items IV **and** V for that of all the synods.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Harrisburg, Pa., June 6, 1904.

(c) The resignation of Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., professor of New Testament Exegesis.

DR. BOWMAN'S RESIGNATION.

**TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Dear Sirs and Brethren: At a special meeting of your Board, held March 22, 1904, I gave notice of my purpose to resign my office as teacher of theology in the Seminary, in order to resume the work of the pastorate.

Through your reverend body I herewith present to the Synod of the Potomac my formal resignation, to take effect September 22, 1904. The aforesaid date is specified conformably to the provision of the Constitution of our Church.

From the secretary of your Board I have received a copy of your action, wherein you express appreciation of my services during the thirteen years of my connection with the Seminary. I am pleased to acknowledge gratefully this kind expression on your part.

That there may be no harmful interruption of the work of the Seminary through my act of resignation, I cheerfully consent to your request to continue my professional services, so far as my new duties may permit, till a successor enter upon the work of his office.

The many kind requests from representatives of the three synods that I should revoke the notice of my purpose to resign my office, and continue my services in the Seminary, and similar kind appeals from the Senior class in the Seminary and other members of the student-body, have borne heavily upon my mind and heart. I greatly respect the judgment and wishes of my brethren, and shall ever feel grateful for their esteem and confidence. And yet, as a result of much prayer and earnest reflection, I am constrained to heed what I regard as a paramount call of duty—fully persuaded that in resuming the work of the pastorate I can render the Church no less valuable service than in the office of theological teacher.

To the Synod of the Potomac, which called me to my present office, and to the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods, which confirmed the same, I feel greatly indebted for the high honor conferred upon me, and for their confidence and uniform kindness during the years of my professional service.

To the Board of Visitors and to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary I am pleased to acknowledge like grateful obligation for their constant kindness.

It is especially gratifying to me to be permitted to state that there is no element of discouragement in my present relations to the Seminary acting as a cause for my resignation. In parting from my colleagues and from the student-body I bear with me no other than the most pleasant memory of mutual kindness and cordial fellowship.

As a final word, permit me to add that my heart is pledged to unabated interest in the Seminary, and that I shall not cease to pray for her welfare and prosperity.

I remain, Reverend Sirs,

Yours most sincerely,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

Lancaster, Pa., May 5, 1904.

After the reading of the papers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation for the faithful and efficient services Dr. Bowman has rendered to the Church.

After a long and earnest discussion, the resignation of Dr. Bowman was accepted.

Dr. Bowman expressed his thanks to Synod upon the acceptance of his resignation.

A committee, consisting of Revs. J. S. Hartman, T. J. Barkley, D. D., and Elder F. R. Bossert, was appointed to draft resolutions relative to the resignation of Dr. Bowman, and the death of Revs. Drs. E. V. Gerhart and William Rupp.

This committee, at the session on Wednesday afternoon, presented the following as their report. It was received, read and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING DRs. BOWMAN, RUPP AND GERHART.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the resignation of Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D., the death of Rev. Prof. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., and the death of Rev. Prof. William Rupp, D. D., begs to offer the following:

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., guided, as we believe, by the Holy Spirit, has resigned the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Seminary at Lancaster; and,

Whereas, God in his providence has removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant Drs. Gerhart and Rupp; be it

Resolved, I. That this Synod record its grateful appreciation of the faithful labors of Dr. J. C. Bowman, and that in the acceptance of his resignation we hereby express the regret that he has been constrained to sever his relations with the Seminary—relations that for thirteen years have been blest of God in the inspiration given the students under him and the Church at large. Always ready to answer the call of the Church, in any capacity, he has been untiring in his efforts to increase the efficiency of the Seminary and add luster to her renown in the theological circles of the day.

No less brilliant have been his labors for the material prosperity of our School of the Prophets. The Seminary buildings, her complete furnishings and conveniences, all stand a lasting monument to his efficient labors, supported by a loyal, grateful constituency in the Church.

We also express the best wishes and prayers of the Synod for his future success, and for his personal welfare and that of his family.

Resolved, II. That in the death of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., who so many years served the Church in the capacity of pastor and teacher, we, with the whole Church, mourn his departure from us, and hereby express the sense of loss we have sustained, together with the Church at large.

Dr. Gerhart's life, so closely entwined with the history of the Seminary and the Church in the last half century, has at every turn brought credit to his noble Christian manhood and honor to the Church. The moulding influence of his life and words will ever continue, and the esteem in which his memory is held will not wane. Possessed as he was of remarkable vitality and brilliant mind, he has given to the Church a long, useful life of faithful service, which the future will gratefully mention with the names of his illustrious co-laborers.

Resolved, III. That in the death of Rev. William Rupp, D. D., who died in the vigor of his manhood, the Church has sustained another great loss.

As pastor, editor, professor, his labors have been marked by a devotion that was at once faithful and forceful. Influenced by what he regarded the truth, and after unlimited research, he occupied, as a thoroughly conscientious thinker, a position in advance of the times in which he labored.

We recall with pleasure his valuable service within the bounds of this Synod, and the respect that his advice and counsel commanded. He was one of God's noblemen, possessing a great heart, a self-sacrificing spirit, and a ready mind, which was willingly exerted in behalf of the Church.

Resolved, IV. That with this brief mention of our appreciation of the life and service of these faithful teachers of theology we direct the stated clerk to furnish an official copy of this action to the Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., and the

families of Dr. Gerhart and Dr. Rupp, and also to the "Messenger" and "Christian World" for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART HARTMAN,
T. J. BARKLEY,
F. R. BOSSERT,

Item 2. The Synod then proceeded to elect a successor to Dr. Bowman in the chair of New Testament Exegesis. After a season of prayer, the roll of the classes was called. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., was placed in nomination by the Classis of Zion. The nomination was endorsed by each of the other classes as they were severally called.

Revs. E. O. Keen, R. J. Pilgram, and Elders J. E. Omwake and G. W. Weaver were appointed tellers. The ballot was taken. The result, as subsequently announced by the tellers, was the unanimous choice of Dr. W. C. Schaeffer, with the exception of one complimentary vote for Rev. E. N. Kremer, D. D.

The officers of Synod were directed to inform Dr. Schaeffer of his election to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, extend to him the call to the same, and inform him of the terms, namely, the revenue from the invested funds for this professorship and the use of a house, which the officers were instructed to provide for him. The officers were further instructed, in the event of the acceptance of the call by Dr. Schaeffer, to arrange for his installation.

Item 3. At the session of Wednesday afternoon telegrams were received from the Synod of Pittsburgh, announcing the election of Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., as professor of Practical Theology, by that Synod, and from the Eastern Synod, stating that Rev. Theodore F. Herman had by that Synod been elected professor of Systematic Theology.

The action of these two synods was unanimously ratified in each case.

An order for \$10 was passed on the treasurer for expenses incurred in calling the meeting and for incidentals.

Rev. George A. Snyder, president of Catawba College, was accorded the privilege, of which he availed himself, of ad-

addressing the Synod upon the work of that college and the work of education on the part of our Church in the South.

A vote of thanks was tendered the pastor and congregation of the First Reformed church of Carlisle for their hospitality during the present sessions of Synod.

The stated clerk was instructed to notify the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods of our action.

ADJOURNMENT.

The business for which Synod was called together having been transacted, whilst a motion to adjourn was pending, the minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the absentees at the final roll-call were excused. The motion to adjourn was then carried.

The members of Synod joined in the repetition of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The doxology was sung and the president pronounced the benediction. The president thereupon declared Synod adjourned *sine die*.

MILES O. NOLL, *President*.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

An official copy from the original minutes.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

**Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions
Held at Everett, Pa.**

**IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOUR. THE SESSIONS COMMENCED
ON THE EVENING OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE EVENING OF THE THIRTY-FIRST OF THE MONTH INCLUSIVE.**

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Trinity Reformed Church of Everett, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 26th, A. D., 1904, at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Miles O. Noll.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President formally opened Synod with prayer. The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—J. Kern McKee, Hiram J. Hillegass, Henry H. Apple, E. Bruce Lyttle, Israel S. Leiby, H. M. J. Klein.⁵

Elders.—John Gebhard, Israel Laucks, Milton W. Bahn.⁵

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Conrad Clever, D. D., John M. Schick, D. D., James M. Mullan, B. D., Geo. A. Whitmore, Eugene L. McLean, Calvin S. Slagle, Robt. J. Pilgram, Gustav R. Poetter, E. Ranson Deatrick, B. D., Fred. W. Bald, B. D., Chas. W. Levan, John W. Pontius, Samuel M. Roeder.²

Elders.—Jacob H. Cost, John Gassman, Adrian C. McCordell, Ephraim Cornman, Edmund S. Everhart, W. Scott Kefauver, Albert S. Remsberg, Freelan Ankeny, Calvin A. Thomas, John T. Webster, Jas. B. Black, Clinton C. Thomas.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Charles A. Santee, Gideon P. Fisher, Chas. M. Smith, John O. Reagle, Clayton H. Ranck.³

Elders.—M. A. Foltz, T. G. Zarger, M. M. Gilland, John Kell.³

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—Andrew H. Smith,² Geo. G. Everhart, Joseph E. Guy, Ben. K. Hay, A. Theo. Wright, J. W. Rauch.²

Elders.—Wm. D. Levy, G. L. Hoffman, C. R. Bosserman, Dr. E. J. Will.²

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Elder.—L. H. Moose.²

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Marsby J. Roth, Alex. P. Frantz, Nathan W. Sechler, Theo. C. Hesson, Edwin W. Stonebraker, T. J. Barkley, D. D.⁴

Elders.—Frank D. Hesson, Geo. W. Hoffman, Samuel Deatrick, Jacob H. Schriver, Emanuel Cluck.²

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Frank L. Kerr, Henry W. Wissler, Charles A. Waltman, George W. Shellenberger, Miles O. Noll.

Elders.—P. G. Kell, David A. Myers, Samuel A. Crist.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata

Ministers.—A. Thos. G. Apple, Benjamin F. Rausman, Preston A. DeLong, John D. Hicks,² Albert F. Nace, John O. Heffner.²

Elders.—Jas. L. Weber, Jas. H. Stone, W. B. Kauffman,² J. L. Grove,² D. Neff.²

NOTE.—The figure at the end of a name indicates the day on which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., occupied the seat of Rev. Clayton H. Ranck during Friday's session.

Revs. A. P. Frantz, and T. C. Hesson were excused on Saturday, and Revs. E. L. McLean and Jas. E. Guy, and Elders J. T. Webster, C. C. Thomas, A. S. Remsburg and L. H. Moose on Monday morning.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. S. S. Miller, C. Noss and Licentiate J. H. Apple.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and Prof. W. M. Irvine.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. L. T. Lampe.

North Carolina Classis.—Rev. G. A. Snyder.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. J. D. Miller, D. G. Hetrick, W. C. Slough, H. Oboldi, W. E. Garret, C. Gumbert, C. F. Althouse, Elders Max Beckhoefer, Philip Snyder, Frank S. Richards.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. D. N. Dittmar, T. M. Yundt, R. W. Miller, D. D., C. J. Musser, D. D., D. W. Elbert, D. D., Licentiate E. M. Hartman.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. D. H. Leader, C. W. Sumner, A. R. Kremer, D. D.

Ohio Synod.—Rev. A. V. Casselman.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. G. G. M. Brown, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. A. Lamberson, of the Methodist Church; Rev. E. L. Kennedy, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. F. I. Sigmund, of the Baptist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. J. W. Pontius, *President*, Middletown, Md.

Hon. M. A. Foltz, *Vice-President*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. B. K. Hay, *Corresponding Secretary*, Mt. Crawford, Va.

Rev. J. M. Mullan, B. D., *Reading Clerk*, Baltimore, Pa.

Elder Chas. M. Wolff, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., *Stated Clerk*, Woodberry, Baltimore, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

Reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as the church, excepting the last two pews. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 and 2.30 o'clock, and close at 11 and 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. David Miller, A. T. G. Apple. H. J. Hillegass; Elders Jacob L. Weber and M. M. Gilland.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., Charles M. Smith, Geo. G. Everhart; Elders Jacob H. Schriver and P. G. Kell.

Overtures.—Revs. P. A. DeLong, J. M. Schick, D. D., Harry H. Apple; Elders Israel Laucks and W. Scott Kefauver.

Publication.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Charles A. Santee, Ben. K. Hay; Elders Albert S. Remsberg, G. L. Hoffman.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. Bruce Lyttle, G. A. Whitmore, Charles M. Smith; Elders M. A. Foltz, Wm. D. Levy.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., Frank L. Kerr, B. F. Bausman; Elders A. C. McCardell and Frank D. Hesson.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. M. O. Noll, E. L. McLean, A. P. Frantz; Elders E. Cornman and T. G. Zarger.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, Geo. W. Shellenberger, Jos. E. Guy; Elders C. C. Thomas and John Gebhard.

Education.—Revs. C. Clever, D. D., A. F. Nace, C. S. Slagle; Elders J. Gassman and C. R. Bosserman.

Orphans' Homes.—Revs. Charles A. Waltman, Nathan W. Sechler, A. P. Frantz; Elders C. A. Thomas and Samuel Deatrick.

Missions.—Revs. Harry H. Apple, G. R. Poetter, Henry W. Wissler; Elders J. H. Cost and G. L. Hoffman.

Committee on Sunday-schools.—Rev. R. J. Pilgram, A. H. Smith, Theo. C. Hesson; Elders M. M. Gilland and F. Ankeuny.

Finance.—Revs. Charles A. Santee, C. W. Levan, A. H. Smith; Elders Israel Laucks and J. B. Black.

Nominations.—Revs. H. J. Hillegass, F. W. Bald, John O. Reagle; Elders M. A. Foltz and J. T. Webster.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the

former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of President J. S. Stahr, D. D., Ph. D., of Franklin and Marshall College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board were received, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received. Being in printed form they were distributed in lieu of reading, and the reports were then referred to the above committee.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was laid before Synod in printed form, and, after distribution, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services re-

ported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday, October 26, 7.30 p. m.—Opening sermon by the President, Rev. Miles O. Noll. Altar service, Revs. G. G. Everhart and Geo. A. Snyder.

Thursday, October 27, 7.30 p. m.—Home Missions—Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., presiding. Altar service, Rev. G. A. Whitmore. First topic, "Missions," Rev. Chas. W. Levan; second topic, "Our Country's Need," Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Friday, October 28, 7.30 p. m.—Rev. Chas. A. Santee presiding. First address, "Some Ideals in Woman's Education," Prof. Jos. T. Apple; second address, "The Church Paper in the Home and its Influence," Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, D. D.; "The Theological Seminary"—addresses by Revs. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and Christopher Noss.

Saturday at 3 p. m.—Preparatory service. Altar service, Revs. E. W. Stonebraker and G. G. Everhart. Sermon by Rev. John O. Reagle.

Saturday, 7.30 p. m.—Benevolent Work. Rev. Simon S. Miller, presiding. First address, "The Ministerial Relief Society, its Aims and Claims," Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.; second address, "The Orphan Cause," Rev. Daniel H. Leader.

Sunday, 9.45 a. m.—Sunday-school. Addresses by Rev. Harry W. Wissler and Ben. K. Hay. Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Altar service Revs. E. R. Deatruck and A. Thos. G. Apple. Sermon by Rev. John W. Pontius.

At 3.00 p. m., Union Sunday-school and young people's work meeting, Rev. E. L. McLean, presiding. First address, "Children and Church Going," Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D.; second address, "How to Care for the Youth of the Church," Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.

At 6.00 p. m., Missionary meeting. Addresses by Revs. Chas. A. Waltman and James M. Mullan, B. D.

At 7.00 p. m., Foreign Missionary meeting, Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., presiding. Addresses by Rev. A. V. Casselman and Mrs. Mary B. Hoy.

In other churches:

Lutheran.—Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. C. W. Levan, 7.00 p. m.

Methodist.—Rev. F. W. Bald, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. Jno. D. Hicks, at 7.00 p. m.

Presbyterian.—Rev. S. M. Roeder, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. H. W. Wissler, at 7.00 p. m.

Baptist.—Rev. A. H. Smith, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. B. K. Hay, at 7.00 p. m.

Tecumseh M. E.—Rev. J. K. McKee, at 11.00 a. m.; Rev. F. L. Kerr, at 7.00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod (and of the special meetings) were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last annual and of the special meetings were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod. Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., is chairman.

Item 2, p. 16. Several items concerning Catawba College were referred to a special committee to report this year, of which Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., is chairman.

Item 3, p. 45. The Classes are instructed to hold, within the bounds of each charge or group of charges, meetings at which the education of women and the claims of our educational institutions shall be presented.

Item 4, p. 46. The several Classes are urged to pay their apportionment for Catawba College in full.

Item 5, p. 46. The Classes are requested to instruct pastors to preach special sermons emphasizing the claims of our Church upon our young men for the Christian ministry, etc.

Item 6, p. 46. The Classes are to instruct pastors to pay early in the year the amounts apportioned for beneficiary education.

Item 7, p. 47. Report of the Committee on the Endowment of the Woman's College. Rev. M. O. Noll, chairman.

Item 8, p. 48. Report of the Committee to appoint an agent to raise the \$14,388.33 still due on Synod's endowment for Catawba College and the \$5,000 for the Science Building. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., chairman.

Item 9. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

It will be necessary to elect to the various Boards of Synod, to fill the place of those whose term of office expires, or to fill vacancies, as follows:

Page 30. Trustees of Catawba College—six members.

49. Board of Education—three members for three years, one member for one year.

50. Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years.

50. Directors of Woman's College—one member for five years.

50. Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary—two members for four years.

50. Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary—two members for six years.

50. Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College—one member for three years.

73. Board of Home Missions—two members for four years, and one member for one year.

78. Board of Trustees of Synod—one member for five years, one member for three years.

81. Sunday-school Board—one member for five years.

92. Managers of Deaconess' Home—one minister for four years, and one elder for three years.

Item 10, p. 71. The Classes are urged to a prayerful and

earnest support of the work of Home and Foreign Missions, and to raise the apportionments in full.

Item 11, p. 72. The "six cents per member" plan of the Board for Church Building was recommended to the Classes.

Item 12, p. 76. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian, and Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Theological Seminary, Contingent, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College, and Interest on \$5,000 loan.

Item 13, p. 75-76. Certain Classes are in arrears for Contingent, and their attention is called to their arrearages.

Item 14, p. 80. The Classes are urged to exercise a more careful oversight of their Sunday-schools.

Item 15, p. 80. The Classes are to endeavor to secure full, complete and correct statistics.

Item 16, p. 81. The ratio of representation of the Classes constituting this Synod is changed, and it is sent down to the Classes for acceptance or rejection.

Item 17, p. 85. The Classes were urged to ascertain at their annual meetings the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" in each charge, and what is being done to increase its circulation.

Item 18, p. 85. The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Sessions of 1903 authenticated, printed and distributed to those entitled to receive them.

Item 19, p. 86. Bethany Orphans' Home was commended to the earnest prayer and more liberal support of the Classes.

Item 20. Special Meeting: Report of the officers of Synod concerning the issuance of the call to Professor-elect Schaeffer, securing house for him, and arrangements for his installation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 7, 8, 20, see Article XIII, Education; on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, see Article XX, Minutes of Classis for their action on the several items; item 9 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; on item 18, see Article XX, Publication,

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report that the following items were referred to it:

Item 1. A communication from Mrs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart expressing her appreciation for the resolutions of sympathy passed by Synod.

Item 2. Report of Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 3. Report of Board of Directors of Butler Orphans' Home.

Item 4. Catalogue of Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 5. Overture from Eastern Synod asking this Synod to join it in an improved method for aiding young men in preparing for the holy ministry.

Item 6. A communication from the Eastern Synod approving of the election of Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 7. A similar communication from Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 8. Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer's acceptance of his election to the above-named position.

Item 9. A communication from Dr. J. C. Bowman acknowledging receipt of resolutions adopted at the special meeting of Synod.

Item 10. A communication from Eastern Synod announcing election of Rev. Christopher Nass to the chair of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 11. A communication from Pittsburgh Synod asking the co-operation of Potomac and the Eastern Synods in the publication of the three inaugural services.

Item 12. A communication from the President of Catawba College asking Synod's endorsement of the proposition to raise \$100,000 endowment.

Item 13. A communication from the ministers and consis-

tories of several charges of Zion's Classis calling attention of Synod to the course of Zion's Classis on certain important matters sent down by Synod.

Item 14. Invitation from Church of the Incarnation, Newport, Pa., to Synod to hold its next annual sessions in that church.

Item 15. Similar invitation from Trinity congregation, York, Pa.

Item 16. The annual report of the Treasurer of Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

P. A. DELONG, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 6, 7, were adopted; on items 2, 3, 4, 13, 16, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; 8, 9 were adopted and ordered engrossed; (see pp. 66-67); on items 5, 11, 12, see Article XIII., Education; item 10, Synod ratified the election by rising in a unanimous vote; items 14, 15 were laid upon the table. Subsequently they were taken up, and the invitation from the Church of the Ascension of Newport was accepted, Synod deciding to meet there on Wednesday, October 18th, A. D. 1905, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Irregularities.

Item 1. Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to send an abstract of their minutes relative to matters coming before Synod. All the Classes have complied with this requirement except North Carolina and Mercersburg; but we find the abstract of Zion's Classis for the most part incomplete relative to matters claiming the attention of Synod.

2. Matters Referred by Synod.

Item 2. Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of Education. All the Classes report having complied with this request.

Item 3. Classes are urged to pay the apportionment to Catawba College in full. The Classes all took favorable action on this item except the Classis of Zion.

Item 4. Classes are requested to instruct pastors to preach special sermons emphasizing the claims of our Church on young men for the gospel ministry. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 5. Classes are urged to instruct pastors to pay early in the year their apportionment for Beneficiary Education. All the Classes took favorable action except the Classis of Zion, which rejected the apportionment for Beneficiary Education.

Item 6. Classes are urged to prayerful and earnest support of the work of Home and Foreign Missions, and to raise their apportionment in full. The Classis of Zion rejected the entire apportionment for Home Missions. Virginia Classis accepts only \$300 of the \$700 sent down. All the other Classes report having adopted this item and accepted the full apportionment.

Item 7. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home and Foreign Missions, Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Theological Seminary, Contingent, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College and interest on \$5,000. North Carolina Classis does not accept apportionment for Hungarian or Bohemian Missions, or work among Germans. The Classis of Zion does not accept apportionment for Beneficiary Education or Catawba College. Virginia Classis does not accept apportionment to Catawba College.

Item 8. The ratio of representation of the Classes constituting this Synod is changed, and is sent down to Classes for acceptance or rejection. All the Classes adopted the commendation of Synod except Gettysburg, which took no action.

Item 9. Classes are urged to ascertain at their annual meetings the number of subscriptions to the "Messenger" in each charge, and what is being done to increase its circulation. All the Classes report favorable action.

3. On Matters Referred to Synod by Classes.

Item 10. Juniata Classis overtures Synod in reference to beneficiary students (see Page 18 of Minutes of Juniata Classis), as follows: "That we respectfully overture Potomac Synod to devise such methods that the assistance given to beneficiary students shall be commuted after ten years of active service in the ministry, so long as they remain in the ministry of the Reformed Church."

Item 11. Maryland Classis overtures the Synod to instruct its Treasurer to open accounts with the several Classes for the apportionment of the Catawba College interests.

4. Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

Item 12. The Classis of Zion received Licentiate Arthur C. Ohl from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him; Rev. Robert L. Bair from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Peter E. Heimer from St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio, and dismissed him to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 13. Maryland Classis, licensed Albert J. Collison, May 16, 1904; ordained Licentiate Aaron M. Gluck, November 1st, 1903; received Licentiate Fred. A. Cook from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; ordained Licentiate Fred. A. Cook, August 7, 1904; received Licentiate J. J. Schaeffer from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; ordained J. J. Schaeffer, September 11, 1904; dismissed Rev. Alex. D. Bateman, Ph. D., to the Lehigh Presbytery, Licentiate Albert J. Collison to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. Geo. A. Snyder to Classis of North Carolina; Rev. H. J. Macallister to Carlisle Classis; Rev. Will S. Fisher to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 14. Mercersburg Classis received Licentiate Clayton H. Ranck from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the gospel ministry, February 21, 1904; Rev. John O. Reagle from Philadelphia Classis Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. Christian Gumbert to Juniata Classis; received Rev. Edgar R. Appenzellar from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Elias F. Faust from Juniata Classis.

Item 15. Virginia Classis ordained Licentiate Ben. K. Hay; received Rev. J. M. Souder from the Classis of Lancaster,

Eastern Synod; Licentiate Julius Balogh, from the Reformed Church in Hungary, District of Tinzantuli, Aaron Kiss, Bishop; dismissed Revs. H. W. Wissler to the Carlisle Classis, and J. Silor Garrison to the Classis of Alleghany, Pittsburgh Synod.

Item 16. North Carolina Classis received Rev. Chas. E. Wehler from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Geo. A. Snyder from Maryland Classis.

Item 17. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. E. William Stonebraker from Juniata Classis; dismissed Rev. Fred'k C. Seitz to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 18. Carlisle Classis received Rev. Harry W. Wissler from Virginia Classis; Rev. Monroe M. Noacker from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. H. J. Macallister from Maryland Classis; Rev. F. A. Rupley from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; licensed Harry W. Kochenderfer, and dismissed him to Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. Earnest E. Weaver to West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 19. Juniata Classis received Rev. A. T. G. Apple from East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. W. J. Johnston from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Christian Gumbert from Mercersburg Classis; Rev. C. F. Althouse from Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. S. U. Waugaman to Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. J. F. Moyer to Reading Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. W. H. Landis to Somerset Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; ordained Licentiates Elias F. Faust and Chas. W. Warlick.

5. Time and Place of Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

Item 20. Classis of Zion will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Hellam, Pa., Monday, May 8, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. J. Stauffer, President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk; Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, Treasurer.

Item 21. Maryland Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Frederick, Md., Wednesday, May 3d, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. S. M. Roeder, President; Rev. E. R. Deatricks, B. D., Stated Clerk; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.

Item 22. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Mercersburg, Pa., May 9th, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. I. N. Peightel, President; Rev. W. C. Cramer D. D.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 23. Virginia Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Harrisville, Va., May 31st, 1905, at 8 p. m. Rev. T. K. Cromer, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 24. North Carolina Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., May 3d, 1905, at 8 p. m. Rev. J. C. Clapp, President; Rev. J. C. Leonard, B. D., Stated Clerk; Elder M. J. Rowe, Treasurer.

Item 25. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at McKnightstown, Adams County, Pa., May 5th, 1905, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. N. W. Sechler, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 26. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., May 31st, 1905, 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. Thomas Fox, President; Rev. William H. Groh, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 27. Juniata Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Martinsburg, Pa., June 1st, 1905 at 7.45 p. m. Rev. P. A. DeLong, President; Rev. J. David Miller, Stated Clerk; Rev. Louis Robb, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BRUCE LYTTLE.

Items 2, 4, 9, were adopted and reiterated; item 1, the attention of the Stated Clerks of the Classes delinquent was called to this action; item 3, Zion's Classis was urgently enjoined to pay the apportionment of last year and this; item 5, the action was reiterated, and the Synod enjoins upon Zion's Classis to accept this apportionment, and co-operate with Synod in this work; items 6, 7, Synod enjoins upon the several Classes to accept all the apportionments sent down to them; item 10 was referred to the Board of Education; item 11, see Article XV., Finance; item 8, see Article XIX., Church Government; the remaining items were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination would report that no applications for examination, licensure or ordination were made.

J. S. KIEFFER.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

TO THE REVEREND POTOMAC SYNOD:

Fathers and Brethren: The reports of the several Classes of the Synod on the State of Religion and Statistics have been placed in our hands, and we have carefully examined the same.

We find, in the first place, that the services of God's house have been maintained, the Gospel has been faithfully preached, and the Sacraments regularly administered. The children and youth of the Church have been instructed in the fundamental doctrines and duties of our holy religion as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism. The duty of family visitation has been faithfully attended to by pastors and elders. The Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies have received due consideration and attention.

We regret to notice that, while the foregoing describes the general condition of affairs throughout the Synod, there are exceptions to these statements. For example, there is an increasing number of vacant charges, and the length of these vacancies in some instances has been so extended as to work great injury to the charges themselves, as well as to the general work of the Church. We do not have enough ministers to supply the demands. The fields are white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. There has been an increase of but one minister in the Synod, while the number of charges and congregations has increased by at least a half dozen.

In the charges that have had regular pastors during the year, the reports indicate, with a few exceptions, a steady and healthy growth. Churches have been built, remodeled and beautified. Pastors and their families have been made more

comfortable by the building and remodeling of parsonages. Pastors' salaries have also been increased. Faith Mission, Baltimore, and Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C., two missions within our borders, have become self-supporting. All these things, and many others that appear in the minutes of the Classes, speak well for the faithfulness of our pastors and the loyalty and devotion of our people.

The benevolent operations of the several Classes indicate a steady growth along this line of Christian service, as contrasted with former years. And yet, when measured by the degree in which apportionments have been met, we have fallen far short of what we can, and in all good conscience ought, to have done. Certainly, if Juniata Classis can pay all its apportionments and hundreds of dollars besides, other Classes ought at least be able to meet the apportionment which should be regarded as the minimum benevolent obligation. There is nothing that so well describes the state of religion within a given charge or congregation as its benevolent and charitable work.

The statistics bear testimony to growth in every direction. The number of our ministers has increased by one, and the number of congregations and charges by a half dozen or more. Beautiful churches have been dedicated and paid. There is a large increase in the amount of money raised for congregational purposes. Our benevolence has more than doubled itself as contrasted with last year.

While in the main the reports speak of the good and joyful things and experiences, there is, at the same time, also a note of sadness and sorrow, which tells of faithful servants of the Church who have fallen under the power of disease and death. Some of the brethren, who were wont to be with us in these annual meetings of Synod, are with us no more—notably our Treasurer, our beloved father and brother, Mr. George N. Forney; Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and Elder Goldsborough Griffith. Dr. Callender's long service in the ministry and his efficient labors in the work assigned him in his later days are widely known and gratefully acknowledged. Elder Griffith, in his long experience, exemplified in his life the highest type of humanity. He was a member of this Synod

From the day of its organization, and attended its every meeting, save perhaps one. Their examples are ever before us as a model and a stimulus. We would also note the demise of Jacob Heyser, for many years an Elder of the church, who took an interest in all of her institutions, and who was one of the leading spirits in the movement which resulted in the organization of this Synod, thirty-three years ago. By Elder Heyser's influence the minds and character of many young men were molded for usefulness in the Church. But while our hearts are sad because of the departure of these faithful and beloved servants of the Church, yet we have joy in the fact that as they lived and died in the faith, so they rest in hope of the blessed resurrection.

And now to the Great Head of the Church, whose we are and whom we serve, be all the honor and glory, and may we be forgiven of him for all that we have failed to do or have done amiss.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Thursday the annual reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph. D., D. D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The several reports were as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Board of Education would offer the following as its annual report:

The Board met July 20, 1904, in Zion's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., at 2 p. m. All the members of the Board were present with the exception of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., and Rev. S. H. Stein. The work

of the Board was greatly hindered by quite a number of the Stated Clerks failing to send in the reports of their respective Classes as to requests for renewal of appropriations and as to new applicants. It is the hope of the Board that this duty will be complied with more promptly in the future.

The Board directs attention to the action of Synod last year, in which Synod instructs pastors to pay into the treasuries of the several Classes, early in the year, the amounts apportioned for beneficiary education.

The following new applicants were received, and the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars granted on the condition that they comply with the requirement of the Board by giving a bond properly executed, viz.: Ira S. Monn, of Mercersburg Classis; Irwin S. Ditsler, of Gettysburg Classis, and A. W. Barley, of Juniata Classis. Besides these, there were reported to us three students of Maryland Classis who do not ask any aid from the Board, viz.: H. L. G. Kieffer, Guy B. Bready and Elnathon L. Higbee.

Appropriations of one hundred and fifty dollars were renewed to Edward S. Lamar, Edward A. G. Herman, Geo. Missel, John H. Deatrich, Chalmers W. Walck, Linden H. Rice, John H. Ditzler, Dallas R. Krebs, Charles E. Myers and Milton Whitener. In all thirteen students receive aid from the Board during the year 1904-1905.

The Board requests an apportionment for the coming year of \$2,500. An overture was received from the Maryland Classis asking the Board to consider the feasibility and cost of having Bonding Companies give the bonds required by students. This matter was referred to a special committee to report at the next meeting of the Board. A new form of bond was presented by the treasurer to the Board, which was adopted.

The next meeting of the Board will take place July 19, 1905, at 2 p. m., in St. John's Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

The following is the organization and membership of the Board: Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., President, 1904; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, 1906; Rev. J. David Miller, Treasurer, 1906; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., 1906; Rev. W. C. Cremer, D. D., 1905; Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., 1904; Rev. I. N. Peightel, 1905; Rev. P. A. DeLong, 1904; Rev. S. H. Stein, 1905.

The attention of the Synod is directed to the fact that the terms of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., and Rev. P. A. DeLong, expire and must be filled at this meeting. Also that the unexpired term of Rev. S. H. Stein, who has moved beyond the bounds of this Synod, must be filled at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL T. ROSSITER, D. D., *President*,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Secretary*.

Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts for Beneficiary Education by Rev. J. David Miller, treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Carlisle Classis.....	\$140.00
Maryland Classis.....	300.68
Juniata Classis.....	140.00
Gettysburg.....	375.00
Mercersburg.....	232.79
Virginia.....	111.00
Loan.....	400.00
Rev. Chas. B. Rebert (refunded).....	15.00
Balance in treasury last year.....	209.01
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	\$2,013.48

EXPENDITURES.

Ed. S. La Mar.....	\$150.00
E. A. G. Herman.....	150.00
George Missel.....	150.00
John H. Deatrich.....	150.00
Vernon S. Rice.....	150.00
H. W. Kochenderfer.....	150.00
Chas. E. Myers.....	150.00
Dallas R. Krebs.....	150.00
Oliver S. Hartman.....	25.00
Linden H. Rice.....	150.00
Milton Whitener.....	125.00
First National Bank.....	350.00
John H. Ditzler.....	150.00
Discounts on loans.....	7 95
Postage.....	1 62
Balance.....	3 91

\$2,013 48

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

It is with great pleasure and sincere gratification that we announce that the school is enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and a larger measure of patronage than ever before.

The school opened this year with three hundred and eighteen students, a greater number than ever before has been on the roll at any one time.

The total number of boys enrolled during the last school year, ending June, 1904, was three hundred and sixty-nine. This number came from twenty-one different states and countries. The number graduated in June, 1904, was eighty-eight, of these sixty-six have entered colleges.

The course has been changed from a four years' course into a five years' course, and the scholarship requirements made more difficult.

We have finished the new dormitory at a cost of forty-one thousand (\$41,000) dollars. This dormitory accommodates one hundred and twenty-two boys and instructors. The largest single subscription to this fund was that of Thomas N. McCarter, of Newark, N. J., who was a classmate of Dr. Irvine. His subscription was five thousand (\$5,000) dollars. Other subscriptions from the same class brought this amount up to eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars. The building is named "The Dormitory of '88."

During the last year we have purchased fifty acres of land adjoining the college grounds at a cost of six thousand eight hundred (\$6,800) dollars.

A flag-stone walk has been laid along the entire length of the campus.

Pure water from far back in the mountains is supplied by the Mercersburg Water Company to every floor in the different school buildings.

The school has completed a system of sewage.

We have built and splendidly equipped a school infirmary at a cost of about fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars.

Since Dr. Irvine's election as President of the school we have

spent in improvements about one hundred and forty thousand (\$140,000) dollars. Fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars of this amount has been spent within the last eighteen months.

The receipts from tuition and board during the last year were \$86,094.60; expenses for the year, \$72,479.04; net earnings for the year, \$13,615.56.

We help each year about sixty boys, giving them reduced rates in tuition and board, some of them because they are sons of ministers, or students for the ministry, and some of them because of the work they do about the place. The total amount of tuition and board given away during last year was about twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars.

The Library has been improved, and is now during certain hours of the day in charge of a certain librarian. It has been catalogued according to the subjects, and a boy can easily ascertain now what the library contains upon any subject.

The Faculty numbers twenty-one men. The school now has accommodations for two hundred and ninety boarders. We should have an additional cottage to accommodate twenty-five or thirty boys. This could be built at a cost of from six thousand (\$6,000) dollars to eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars.

We should have a laboratory building, a gymnasium, and a recitation building. At present our recitation rooms are too crowded to produce the best work.

Since the beginning of the present administration, as you know, the school has been conducted entirely as an academy. Since that time boys of this school have entered fifty-six different colleges, universities and higher schools of learning. Last year, boys from this school were in forty different colleges in this country.

It will be the duty of this Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents. The terms of Mr. A. R. Schnebley, Dr. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. C. A. Santee expire. Dr. Schaeffer was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Diffenbacher.

We beseech for this school the continued favor of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*,

**Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at
Frederick, Md.**

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., herewith presents its twelfth annual report.

At its meeting in April last the Board was organized by the re-election of the officers of the preceding year, namely: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Secretary, and Adrian C. McCardell, Treasurer.

We have pleasure in reporting that the year ending June 8th last was among the most successful in our history. The total enrollment of students was 179, of which number 76 were boarders.

At the Commencement four were graduated in the Literary Department, two in Piano, three in Elocution and two in Art.

The total receipts for the year were \$24,589.18; expenditures, \$21,168.20; receipts over expenses \$3,420.98.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., on July, 1904, were \$7,243.62.

All rentals of Buildings have been paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and of the Treasurer of the current expenses have been examined and found correct.

The Endowment Fund invested is \$24,580.43; Library Fund, \$100; total of fund \$24,680.43.

Early last spring the lot next adjoining West College Hall, improved by a double three-story dwelling, 31 feet 7 inches by 133 feet, came into the market, and was purchased by your Board for \$5,650, and is now held as part of our endowment. It was a good business investment, protects us against undesirable neighbors, and provides a residence for the President of the College, between the several properties now under rent for College purposes.

The family of President Apple was transferred to one of these dwellings last March.

At our request and in accordance with our plans, the Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary, from whom we rent the buildings, made changes in West Hall so as to utilize waste space, whereby eight additional rooms were secured, while the laboratories and the halls on both the second and third floors

have been greatly benefited by the change. We assumed the interest on the expense incurred as additional rent.

The College buildings have been renovated, and as now improved, will admit of no further expansion, but were never before in as good condition.

The College re-opened on September 15th, with an encouraging outlook for the year. The enrollment of students is about as in former years, while the number taking up regular work is larger than usual.

The Faculty is practically continuous, as but two changes are made out of a force of twenty-four teachers and officers.

The Kimball pipe organ installed last year meets a felt want and is giving entire satisfaction.

We have steadily expanded the institution, as well as increased its efficiency, so that a diploma is of greater value than in the past. This has been done at an increased cost to us, so that we cannot compete as to rates with the cheap Colleges of the day.

A College is to be judged by what it does for its students. Its work must be measured by the services its graduates render to society and the Church. They are its credentials. We have passed the experimental stage, and accept the test by referring you to our graduates.

Woman is entitled to as good an education as man, but it must not therefore of necessity be the same education. There is no identity of function. A Boys' College does not furnish a standard for a Women's College. Only he who thinks that there is no difference in the functions of the two sexes in society and in their service to the world can believe that there ought to be no difference in their education. The destiny of woman lies along the line of various service. The present career is that which has most to do with counselling, teaching and moulding men, and in this sphere the mission is supreme and the true education of women will be seen in the happiness of all destinies.

There has been but little addition to the College endowment for some years. Has not the time come for Spring to redeem its pledge for the further endowment of \$20,000, of which amount less than \$5,000 has come from our Treasurer? This question seriously considered we can have a permanent fund

offers to add one dollar for every two that is contributed by the church for this purpose. In order that the church may benefit by this proposition, it is imperative that prompt and decisive measures be inaugurated, such as will result in securing money. Inaction on the part of Synod may be construed into indifference, and for such reason, the proposition may be at any time withdrawn.

Our income does not warrant us in meeting the growing demands of the Institution. Is it right that a few persons should continue to make material sacrifices to carry forward this work of the Church? Why should we not have your hearty sympathy and active co-operation? Why should not the members of the Church patronize their own Institutions in the education of their daughters? It is the Synod's Institution we represent, and we can do better for you in results that will gladden your home and bless the church, than any other institution can do. The same advantages and practical results cannot be secured anywhere for less money. Materially increase our endowment and we will be able to do still better for your daughters.

The results in religious work cannot be forced beyond the limits which home culture fixes. In the last analysis, it will always be found true, that our wives and mothers regulate the home, shape our destiny and mould the coming generation, hence it follows that the true education of woman lies at the foundation of our happiness and greatness as a church and a people.

The time of service of John Gassman will expire with December, 1904, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of the Board of Directors.

Frederick, Md., October 25, 1904.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College hereby makes the following report:

The reorganization which has taken place in the College since the last meeting of your reverend body makes it difficult

to write a report which will convey to this Synod the true condition of the school. The enrollment of students during the scholastic year 1903-1904 was most encouraging. The following is the number: Primary Department, 29; Academic Department, 111; Collegiate Department, 52; Business Department, 30; Music Department, 22, making a total of 244. It is probable that the students in the Business and Music departments are numbered in the other departments also; if this be true, then still there would be an attendance of 192.

The school experienced some difficulty in securing teachers, or rather a difficulty in holding those that had been secured. Prof. W. W. Chandler, teacher in English, resigned to accept a position in Ursinus College, Pennsylvania. Rev. H. L. Beam, of Dakota, Illinois, was elected to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Chandler, but failed to come, and the work was done part of the year by Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., and the remaining part by Prof. B. W. Allen. A few months before the Commencement in May, 1904, the Trustees were called upon to accept the resignation of the Music teacher, Miss Irma Whitmore. Mrs. B. J. Carpenter, of Newton, North Carolina, was employed to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Whitmore. The Faculty, as it was at the end of the school year, on May 19, 1904, is as follows: Charles H. Mebane, W. R. Weaver, J. B. Leonard, B. J. Allen, Mrs. D. J. Carpenter, Miss Bertha Herman, Miss Rosa Rowe and Mrs. Belle Cecil Matron.

The election of a permanent President has been a question with which the Trustees have been confronted annually for several years. At the annual meeting held in May, 1903, action was taken setting a certain day at the annual meeting in 1904, when a President should be elected. This was thought by some to be putting this important matter off too long, and at a special meeting of the Board called to meet in Newton, North Carolina, in October, 1903, it was decided to make an election for the Presidency subject to the ratification of the Trustees at the next annual meeting.

Acting President Charles H. Mebane having signified his intention to retire from the school after the year closing May, 1904, the Trustees began to cast around for a suitable person. At a special meeting held in Newton on December 9, 1903,

the Rev. George Albert Snyder, A. M., of Hagerstown, Md., was selected to fill that position. This election was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Trustees in annual session, on May 17, 1904. Rev. Mr. Snyder was present and formally accepted the position.

President Snyder was unable to move to Newton before August 16, 1904, but was enabled to open the school on the 6th of September. There were 87 pupils enrolled at the opening. The enrollment at present is 120. Of this number 69 are boys and 51 are girls; 55 are boarding students. There are 8 members of the Senior class; 1 Junior; 2 Sophomores; 5 Freshmen; 72 in the Academic Department, and 19 Music pupils.

The Faculty is as follows: Rev. George Albert Snyder, A. M. (Heidelberg). President, Professor of Mental and Moral Science, Christian Evidences and Aesthetics.

Walter G. Slappy, A. B. (Emory College), Professor of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.

William Robert Weaver, A. B. (Franklin and Marshall), Professor of Greek, German and History.

Rev. J. Silor Garrison, A. B. (Catawba College), Professor of English Language and Literature.

Jesse B. Leonard, A. B. (Catawba College), Professor of Latin and English Branches.

Lee A. Peeler, Penmanship.

Miss M. Rosalie Rowe (State Normal), Book-keeping and Stenography.

Miss Hattie Garvin (State Normal), Primary Department.

Miss Bessie Hargett (Woman's College), Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Rev. C. B. Heller, A. M. (Franklin and Marshall), is supplying the President's place in his absence.

President Snyder was formally inaugurated into his office on the 30th of September.

The Trustees appointed Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., an agent to canvass the Classis of North Carolina with a view of raising \$5,000 for building purposes. At the annual meeting in May, Dr. Trexler reported part of the Classis canvassed, and the amount secured \$3,578.40. Three hundred of this amount is for endowment, and can not be applied to building purposes.

A gift of \$15,000 from a friend was made the College during the year. This gift is for the purpose of establishing a Theological Department in connection with the school. This donation is in the shape of certificates of paid-up stock in the Calvert Building and Loan Association of Baltimore, Maryland. Provision is made that until this department shall have been established the interest accruing from this \$15,000 shall be used within the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina to assist in the mission work.

A house and lot just north of the College has been purchased for the sum of \$1,200. The house has been moved and joined to the matron's hall, to be used for rooms for the boarding pupils, and upon the ground a house for the President of the school will be erected. Plans for this house have been adopted. Two new pianos have been purchased, and some improvements have been made on the grounds and buildings.

The following facts from the report of the Finance Committee, made May 19, 1904, is submitted as information:

General Endowment Fund.....	\$7,500.00
Alumni Endowment Fund (available).....	3,000.00
Endowment received from canvass of Rev. G. A. Snyder.....	1,650.00
Endowment for Theological Department.....	15,000.00
Building Fund.....	2,718.00

LIABILITIES.

Due teachers.....	\$793.00
Due Roller Fund.....	500.00
Due N. I. Rowe.....	350.00
Union Cotton Mills.....	600.00
Shuford Bank.....	350.00
Building Fund.....	1,884.00
Sundry accounts.....	94.00
Total.....	\$4,572.00

We submit the Treasurer's report for the year May 19, 1903, to May 19, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

From annual concert.....	\$56.90
Collection for band.....	16.80
From Potomac Synod.....	673.43
Interest on Endowment Funds.....	729.93

Tuition collected by Attorney McCorkle.....	125.43
Old accounts Fall Term '93, '03.....	837.22
Tuition Fall Term '03.....	1,021.38
Tuition Spring Term '04.....	622.42
Boarding Club.....	741.93
Other sources.....	12.64
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Total.....	\$4,838.08
Due treasurer 9 (overpaid).....	116.61
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Grand total.....	\$4,954.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance (due treasurer) last report.....	\$303.35
Expenses of band.....	39.40
Balance on purchase of land.....	59.67
Interest.....	133.85
Postage and stationery.....	25.50
Repairs.....	166.35
Advertising.....	29.50
Wood.....	61.00
Taxes on Pennsylvania land.....	35.65
Expenses of boarding hall.....	446.17
Paid salary.....	3,297.88
Shuford Hardware Co.	87.83
Furniture.....	57.65
Incidental expenses.....	210.49
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Total.....	\$4,954.69

The term of office of the following Trustees expires May, 1905, and it is the duty of this Synod to name their successors:

Rev. Paul Barringer, Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.; Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.; A. A. Shuford; S. T. Wilfong; and George McCorkle.

This report does not fully convey the working of the school. A number of changes in method of work and the routine of the college life and discipline which look toward improvement in the work of the school have been introduced. The Trustees are grateful to the Synod for the fostering care exercised over the Reformed school of the South and commend again this school to the prayers and sympathy of our brethren North.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,

President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Brethren: The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States submits to your reverend body its report for the year 1903-1904:

1. The Board met in Lancaster, May 3-5, 1904, and organized by electing the following officers: President, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.; secretary, Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D. Prior to its annual meeting, the Board met on March 22, 1904. The causes which led to this special session, and which were followed by three vacancies in the Seminary faculty, have been fully set forth in the report made to the synods which met in June, 1904.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1904, it was found that two of the vacancies in the faculty had been filled, viz., the chair of New Testament Exegesis and the chair of Practical Theology. No immediate provision had been made for the department of Systematic Theology, except that to it Professors Gast and Richards each had kindly offered to give one hour per week. Realizing the necessity of making larger provision for this department, the Board effected the arrangement specified under Item 2 of this report. We are pleased to say that the Theological Seminary is well equipped for thorough work and that a kind Providence has dispelled the clouds which overshadowed the institution at the close of the Seminary year.

2. After consultation with the faculty and with the president and treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors requested Rev. John G. Noss to assist in the department of Systematic Theology until that chair is filled. He has responded favorably to our request, and is now engaged in teaching three hours per week, as follows: Senior Class, Constitution of the Church; Middle Class, Dogmatics; Junior Class, Catechism.

3. The Seminary year began September 10, 1903, when the following persons were admitted to the Junior Class: J. Frank Bucher, Guy P. Bready, William M. Diefenderfer, Robert S. Edris, George K. Ely, J. Albert Eyler, John F. Frantz, Roy J. Freeman, Edward A. G. Herman, L. Valmore Hetrick, David B. Kline, Thomas M. Kressly, Elmer G. Leinbach, Fred-

erick M. Richards, J. Arthur Schaeffer, Morris G. Schucker, Elam J. Snyder, J. Monroe Shellenberger, Chalmers W. Walck, Milton Whitener, L. Nevin Wilson—total 21.

4. The members of the Junior Class, reported as such in May, 1903, were advanced, and constituted the Middle Class from September, 1903, to May, 1904. To this there is one exception: John F. Bucheit suspended his seminary studies during the year to serve as an instructor in the Franklin and Marshall Academy. Middlers, 11.

5. The Senior Class pursued the full course of study prescribed by the Board, passed a satisfactory examination, and on their graduation, May 5, 1904, received the testimonial of approval. They are: James N. Blatt, John Barner Bloom, David B. Clark, Albert J. Collison, Frederick A. Cook, H. Jerome Leinbach, George Wellington Lutz, Jesse M. Mengel, James J. Schaeffer, Irwin O. Schell, George W. Spotts. It is worthy of note that all the members of this class but three can officiate in German and English. Total 11.

6. The conduct, character, proficiency and practical activity of the student-body were satisfactory. The Church may look forward to efficient spiritual services which the graduated class and the classes following will render.

7. During the summer of 1903, John Quincy Adams, professor of Oratory, resigned. Professor John Milton Chambers was elected to the vacancy, and has served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the Seminary and College. Arrangements have been made with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College to retain the services of Professor Chambers, and the synods are hereby respectfully asked to provide our share of the expense, viz., \$750, in the following proportions: Eastern Synod, \$375; Pittsburgh Synod, \$125; Synod of the Potomac, \$250.

8. At the request of Rev. F. A. Gast, D. D., the Board appointed Mr. Irwin Hoch DeLong assistant instructor in the Old Testament Department. It authorized and requested Professor Gast to arrange with Mr. DeLong to enter upon his work September, 1905. We hereby submit the reasons for the above action, together with the request for synodical aid needed to make it effective: After a continuous service of almost thirty-three years in the Theological Seminary, Dr.

Gast feels the necessity of reducing the amount of his work. Twelve hours a week are too heavy for one at the age of nearly threescore years and ten. Dr. Gast proposes to apply one-half of his salary to the support of the assistant, this amount to be supplemented by \$250 to be paid by the Synod, making the salary of the assistant \$1,000. The action is proposed one year in advance of the time the assistant is expected to enter upon his duties, in order to secure the services of one admirably qualified in all respects for the work. Mr. DeLong is a graduate of the Seminary, is now prosecuting his studies, and is engaged in original work in Europe, and is well known among Semitic scholars. The Eastern Synod is respectfully asked to appropriate \$250 towards the support of Mr. Irwin Hoch DeLong as assistant instructor in the Old Testament Department.

9. The Board has appointed a Committee on Endowment, to aid similar committees of the Board of Trustees and of the synods when its services are needed. The members of the committee are Rev. B. B. Ferer, D. D., Rev. A. J. Heller, D. D., and Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.

10. The term of the following members expires December, 1904: Eastern Synod—Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Rev. James Crawford, D. D., and Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D. Synod of the Potomac—Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D. Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 11, 1904.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: Enclosed find the abstract of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held May 5th, 1904, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-president, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 18th, 1904.

The committee appointed to co-operate with similar com-

mittees to be appointed by the Board of Visitors and the three Synods, relative to the increased endowment of the Theological Seminary, are as follows: John W. Appel, Esq., John D. Skiles, John B. Roth, Jacob H. Shriver and William R. Barnhart.

The announcement of the death of Mr. George N. Forney, of Hanover, Pa., at the age of 73 years, was received by the present members of the Board of Trustees with feelings of profound sorrow, whereupon the following tribute to his memory was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

Mr. Forney was elected to membership on the Board by the Synod of the Potomac, in the year 1890. In 1893 he was honored by unanimous election to the Presidency of the Board, which position he held for a period of eight years, until the time of his retirement in May, 1901. By his superior business talents and his attractive personal qualities, he soon won the respect, confidence and love of his fellow-members. Punctually and faithfully he met every requirement of his office. He presided with dignity and grace, and with a devotion akin to enthusiasm, exhibited intense interest in the welfare of the Seminary. For five years he served in the Building Committee as one of its most active and efficient members. The Board is gratified to learn that Mr. Forney's love for and devotion to the Theological Seminary will be perpetuated through its future history by a generous legacy, devised by his last will and testament. With gratefulness it makes record of his beneficence.

While with the bereaved wife, daughter and many friends the members of the Board mourn his departure, they cherish the memory of their former colleague, not only as one faithful in the highest degree to his official trust, but as one whose genial disposition, urbane spirit and courteous manner entitled him to high rank as a Christian gentleman.

In response to a communication to the faculty, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to appoint a Seminary Day, which is to be observed annually in all the congregations, on which day the interests of the Seminary shall be presented to the people by the pastors, urging the importance of the consecration of suitable young men to the ministry.

and pointing out the needs of the Seminary in general. (The day suggested by the faculty was the first Sunday in November.)

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to appoint a committee on Current Expenses and the Endowment Fund (if not already appointed), to co-operate with similar committees of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty.

The Board appointed a committee to secure the lot between the Seminary grounds and Prof. Bowman's residence.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to provide \$3,000 for current expenses in the following ratio: Eastern Synod, \$1,500; Potomac Synod, \$1,000; Pittsburgh Synod, \$500.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

The terms of office of the following members expire December, 1904: Jacob H. Cost, Hagerstown, Maryland; E. A. Shullenberger, D. D. S., Carlisle, Pa.

Treasurer's Report.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1904

Oct.	1.	Amount of Endowment Fund, Seminary, General...	\$6,131.29
		Amount of Endowment Fund, Special, J. Riegel...	15,680.00
		Amount of Endowment Fund, Special, W. A. Wilt...	833.33
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			\$112,644.62

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF TREASURER

1904

		Dr	
Oct.	1.	For sundry interests and incomes received from Oct. 1, 1903 to Oct. 1, 1904.....	\$8,035.80
		Cr	
		By salary accounts and sundry bills paid per vouchers from Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904.....	8,540.49
		By balance due Endowment Fund Oct. 1, 1903...	7,546.28
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			\$16,186.77
		Amount Dr brought down Oct. 1, 1904	8,035.80
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			\$8,150.97

SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1904.			
Oct.	1.	Principal of Fund.....	\$1,819.90
		DR.	
		Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1903...	\$12.28
		Interests received from Oct. 1,	
		1903, to Oct. 1, 1904.....	100.30
			<u>\$112.58</u>
		CR.	
		By sundry bills for books bought and paid	
		per vouchers.....	\$159.05
		By amount Dr. brought down.....	112.58
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		Balance due Library Fund Oct. 1, 1904...	\$46.47

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT.

1904.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....	\$5,000.00
		DR.	
		Interest October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904.	\$250.00
		CR.	
		By interest paid John Hertzler, treasurer	
		Board Beneficiary Education.....	250.00

WILLIAM A. WILT FUND ACCOUNT.

1904.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....	\$833.33
		DR.	
		Interest to October 1, 1904, and accounted	
		for in current expenses of the Theolog-	
		ical Seminary.....	\$41.66

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1904.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....	\$2,000.75
1903.		DR.	
May	11.	Balance due Fund to May 8,	
		1903	\$10.11
1904.			
Apr.	12.	Interest to May 8, 1904.....	94.20
			<u>\$104.31</u>
1904.		CR.	
May	2.	By amount paid prize per award	
		of Committee.....	\$100.00
		Expressage and so forth.....	1.00
			<u>101.00</u>
		Balance due Fund May 8, 1904.....	\$3.31

SEMINARY CLASS 1892 PRIZE FUND.

1904 May	8.	Amount of Fund.....		\$483.03
		Dr.		
		For interest to May 8, 1904.....	\$24.15	
1904 May.		Cr.		
		By prize paid per award of Con- mittee.....	\$20.00	
		By express charges.....	.50	
			<u>\$20.50</u>	
		Balance due added to principal.....	\$3 65	3.65
				<u>\$486.68</u>

JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

April	1.	Amount of Fund.....		\$2,000.00
		Dr.		
		For interest on same to April 1, 1904.....	\$100.00	
1904 May	2.	Prize paid per award of Committee.....	100.00	

JOHN L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1904 Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....		\$15,680.00
		All interest on this Fund is accounted for in the treasurer's account of current expenses of the Theological Seminary to October 1, 1904.		

JACOB FORNEY LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1904 Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund.....		1,000.00
		Dr.		
1904 Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund October 1, 1903.....	\$42.85	
1904 Sept. 14.		Interest to October 1, 1904.....	45.00	
			<u>\$87.85</u>	
1903.		Cr.		
1904 Oct.	7.	Bills paid per voucher.....	\$8.00	
1904 Feb. 25.		Bills paid per voucher.....	8.00	
Mar. 19.		Bills paid per voucher.....	10.33	
Sept. 9.		Bills paid per voucher.....	2.25	
		Bills paid per voucher.....	8.00	
			<u>\$36.58</u>	
		Balance due Fund October 1, 1904.....	\$51.27	

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHERINE W. SCHRIEVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund..... \$1,000.

Dr.

Amount balance due Fund..... \$139.78

1904.

Sept. 14. Interest to October 1, 1904.... 45.00
 ----- \$184.78

1904.

Cr.

Mar. 19. By bill paid per voucher..... \$50.09
 May 13. By bill paid per voucher..... 5.01
 Sept. 26. By bill paid per voucher..... 50.00
 ----- \$105.10

Balance due Fund October 1, 1904..... \$79.68

HENRY WIRT LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1903. Amount of Fund..... \$1,000.

Dr.

Oct. 1. Balance due Fund October, 1903.. \$70.44

1904.

Sept. 14. Interest to October 1, 1904..... 45.00
 ----- \$115.44

1904.

Cr.

Mar. 19. By bill paid per voucher..... \$6.25
 Sept. 26. By bill paid per voucher..... 50.00
 ----- \$56.25

Balance due Fund, Oct. 1, 1904..... \$59.19

SEMINARY CLASS 1894 LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1894.

July 1. Amount of notes placed in hands of treasurer for
 collection..... \$081

1904.

Dr.

Sept. 29. Amount of notes paid to date..... \$523.00
 Unpaid notes in treasurer's hands..... 458.00
 ----- \$081

1904.

Oct. 1. Interest in hands of treasurer, as credit on
 funds to September 29, 1904..... \$104.50

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

Amount of Fund..... \$4,000

Dr.

For interest on same to April 1, 1904.... \$200.00

1904.

CR.

Sept. 26.	By bill paid per voucher.....	100.00
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	Balance due Fund October 1, 1904.....	\$100.00

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

1903.

DR.

Oct. 15.	Received from Geo. N. Forney, treasurer Potomac Synod.....	\$154.07
Oct. 16.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	118.85
Oct. 22.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	25.25
Oct. 23.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	67.00

1904.

Mar. 10.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	117.00
	Received from A. J. Heller, D. D., treas- urer Pittsburgh Synod.....	200.00
Mar. 29.	Received from A. J. Heller, D. D., treas- urer Pittsburgh Synod.....	200.00
Apr. 20.	Received from A. J. Heller, D. D., treas- urer Pittsburgh Synod.....	125.00
May 3.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	178.93
May 10.	Received from M. J. Rowe, treasurer North Carolina Classis.....	25.00
June 4.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	434.24
Sept. 9.	Received from S. M. Gingrich, treasurer Eastern Synod.....	37.00
Sept. 26.	Received from C. M. Wolf, treasurer Potomac Synod.....	300.00
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		\$1,982.34

1904.

CR.

Sept. 26.	By amount paid interest to October 1, 1904, on balance due Endowment Fund October 1, 1903, Evans Ground Account, James Street Ground Account, and Jani- tor's House Account.....	\$528.77
Sept. 30.	Balance Seminary Aid Fund charged to treasurers as income.....	1,453.57
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		\$1,982.34

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER OCTOBER 1, 1904.

Endowment Funds, General and Special.....	\$112,644.6
Library Fund.....	1,819.9
Smaltz Fund.....	5,000.0
Class 1892 Prize Fund.....	486.6
Schaff Prize Fund.....	2,000.7
Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.....	1,000.0
Henry Wirt Alcove Fund.....	1,000.0
A. Keiser and C. W. Schriver Alcove Fund.....	1,000.0
Seminary Class 1894 Alcove Fund.....	981.0
Jacob Y. Dietz Library Fund.....	4,000.0
Jacob Y. Dietz Prize Fund.....	2,000.0
Endowment Fund, Pittsburgh Synod.....	30,500.0
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	\$162,433.0

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we have attended to the duty assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN W. APPEL,

JOHN D. SKILES.

October 13, 1904.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

At the late Commencement the following degrees were conferred. The degree of A. B. on the following members of the Senior class:

Walter M. Althouse,
John Walter Baker,
Franklin Gilbert Beam,
John Warfel Beyer,
Robert Arthur Beyer,
Jacob Foster Bitner,
James Alfred Boehm,
Daniel David Brendle,
George Michael Brilhart,
Henry Wadsworth Brubaker,
Lee Marcus Erdman,
Herman Edgar Fegley,
Charles William Freed,
John Fulton,

John Mitchell Garbrick,
Josiah William Gitt, Jr.,
Ralph Hostetter Gochenaur,
Raymond Rogers Gregory,
Robert Keller Hershey,
Martin Clement Hoffman.
Eden Amram Hower,
Ara Willis Kauffman,
Amos Engle Kraybill,
Joseph Sell Laurence,
John Nathan Levan,
Angus Leroy Lightner,
Samuel Linford Moyer,
Edwin Allen Nace,

James Rumbaugh Peterson,
 Paul Bertram Rupp,
 Theodore Franklin Rupp,
 Asa Arthur Schaeffer,
 Forrest Grimm Schaeffer,
 John Ahlum Schaeffer,
 Robert L. Schaeffer,

Dennis Sipple,
 John Wilson Sprecher,
 Edward Wentz Stick,
 Roland Brubaker Styer,
 John Scholl Hosterman,
 William Curtis Truxal,
 Martin Weaver Witmer.

The degree of Ph. B. on the following:

John Elmer Groff,
 Peter Monroe Harbold,

Edwin Clark Herr,
 Edgar Apple Slagle,

Luther Ferree Witmer.

The degree of A. M. in course on the following graduates of the College:

Henry Clay Eschbach, M. D., 1880.
 Jackson Taylor, 1900.
 John Hacke Bortz, 1901.
 Forry Rohrer Getz, 1901.
 Harry Garfield Hartman, 1901.
 James Naftzinger Blatt, 1901.

Henry Irvin Stahr, 1901.
 John Samuel Staudt, 1901.
 George Leicester Thomas, 1901.
 Charles Roy Fisher, 1900.
 Richard Courtney Rengier, 1901.
 William Garfield Fox, 1900.

At the request of the Faculty and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B. D. was conferred on the Rev. Frederick W. Bald, of Clearspring, Md.

The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on the Rev. Hiram King, Somerset, Pa., and the Rev. Darius W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the College has enjoyed an encouraging degree of prosperity. The enrollment for the year 1903-1904 shows an increase of sixteen students in the College and twenty-two in the Academy. At the opening of the fall term of the year 1904-1905 the College had the largest accession of new students in its history—seventy-one in all, fifty-five Freshmen and special students, fourteen Sophomores and two Seniors. There are also four graduate students enrolled who are prosecuting a special course of study in the institution.

The only changes in the faculty were in the departments of Oratory and Physical Culture. Prof. John M. Chambers, A. M., was appointed to the former position, the authorities of the Seminary concurring, and his work has been very satisfactory. In the department of Physical Culture, Mr. David R. Brown was appointed at the beginning of the year. Mr. Brown withdrew in December and Mr. Luther F. Witmer was

appointed for the remainder of the season. At the beginning of the present year Mr. William P. Bates, of Providence, R. I., was appointed to the position of Physical Instructor.

The financial condition of the College and the prosecution of the scheme for a larger endowment, as will appear from the report of the treasurer and of the president's assistant, Prof. Edwin M. Hartman, present many encouraging features. The net income of the College for the year was \$19,195.71. The expenses were \$23,850.92, leaving an excess of expense over receipts of \$4,655.21. For the year ending June, 1903, the excess was \$6,138.69, making a difference in favor of last year of \$1,483.48.

The debt on the Science Building was diminished by \$7.-492.35, leaving still a balance due of \$13,772.24.

The endowment funds in June, 1903, amounted to \$208,705.13; in 1904, \$234,645.56—an increase of \$25,940.43.

To carry forward auspiciously the work begun in connection with the Golden Jubilee of the College, it was found expedient to appoint an assistant to the president, who should devote his time to the collection of funds and the presentation of the cause of the College before the community, so as to secure new students and make the College more generally known. Prof. Edwin M. Hartman, of Franklin and Marshall Academy, was appointed to this position, and he has prosecuted the work with unwearied zeal and energy and with very gratifying results. He reports that the amount pledged up to last Commencement to the larger endowment of the College (toward which \$150,000 was to be raised) was the sum of \$73,072.00. Of this amount about \$31,000 has been paid into the hands of the treasurer, including, however, \$5,000 of specific endowment and \$2,500 for a purpose not definitely specified, which are not included in the endowment as reported above. The remainder is in the form of pledges, all of which are believed to be good, and it is hoped they will be paid in due time. In addition to the work done by Prof. Hartman, the College has received a bequest of \$1,500 from the estate of the late Francis R. Boyer, of Hellertown, and a number of valuable gifts to the Library and the Museum of the College. Among the latter are three paintings presented to the Science Building by the family of the late Mr. B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa.

"The Three Women of Crevecoeur," by Willkamp; "An Egyptian Fellah-Woman," by Ch. Landelle; "Jealousy," by J. F. Portaels. Also the beautiful collection of birds, belonging to Dr. Raub, of Lancaster city; deer's heads and a beautiful mounted specimen of elk, by Mr. A. C. Kepler, of Lancaster, and deer's heads by Dr. S. T. Davis, of Lancaster city.

It is highly important that the work begun at the Golden Jubilee, and carried forward with such gratifying success during the past year, should be continued in the same spirit until crowned with the full measure of success anticipated by the friends of the College. Prof. Hartman's work has not only resulted in securing large additions to the endowment and a large accession of new students, but it has also secured attention and good-will of the people in different parts of the Church to an unusual degree, and the benefit of the work done in this way will be manifest in years to come. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that the three synods will take such action as will insure the continuance of this work and the speedy accomplishment of the undertaking in all its various aspects.

The president of the College, through the courtesy of the Board of Trustees, obtained leave of absence from the College during the latter part of the last college year, which enabled him to secure much needed rest and the inspiring benefit of travel in foreign countries. He regrets that for this reason it was necessary for him to be absent from College at the late Commencement, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that all the work was successfully and carefully attended to by Dr. Dubbs, the acting president, and his colleagues in the faculty, for all of which he desires to record his sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAIR, *President.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday afternoon, which report was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The following documents have been referred to it: The

catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, of the Woman's College of Frederick, and of Catawba College, the report of President Stahr, the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, the report of the Board of Visitors of the Woman's College, the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, the report of the Board of Education and the synopsis of John B. Roth's report as treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

From President Stahr's report we learn that the enrollment of the new students for the present year—seventy-two in all—is the largest in the history of the College; that the expenses exceeded the receipts by \$4,655.21, which, however, is nearly \$1,500 less than the previous year; that there is still due on the Science Building \$13,772.24; that the endowment fund has increased \$25,940.25; that Prof. Edwin M. Hartman has been appointed to collect funds for an increase of the endowment to the amount of \$150,000 at least, which is to be known as the Jubilee offering:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod hears with pleasure of the large accessions of new students, and requests the Classes to keep before the minds of young men seeking an education the claims and advantages of Franklin and Marshall College.
2. *Resolved*, That the Classes be urged to provide such plans as will aid Prof. Hartman in presenting the needs of the College and collecting funds for the endowment.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn that the Board requests the Synods to designate the first Sunday in November annually as Seminary Day; when pastors shall present the claims of the ministry upon consecrated young men, and the needs of the Seminary; that the synod is requested to appoint a committee to aid a committee appointed by the Board to increase the endowment of the Seminary; that the Board has purchased a lot of ground; that the current expenses of the Seminary is \$3,000. and that the Potomac Synod is to raise \$1,000 of the above amount, that the terms of office of Jacob H. Cost and Dr. E. A. Shullenberger expire in December, 1904.

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with

milar committees of the other Synods, and, with the faculty, arranging for a "Seminary Day," on which the needs and aims of our Seminary shall be emphasized and special efforts made to influence worthy young men to enter the gospel ministry.

The committee consists of Revs. S. S. Miller, H. M. J. Klein and Elder J. H. Schriver.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod appoint a Committee to cooperate with a committee of the Board to increase the endowment of the Seminary.

The President appointed Revs. E. R. Deatrick, L. Robb and W. L. Kerr the above committee.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod assumes the \$1,000 for the current expenses of the Seminary, and refers it to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

4. *Resolved*, That the two vacancies in the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's College we learn of the continued prosperity of the College; that the enrollment for the past year was 179, eleven of whom were graduated from the various departments; that the present enrollment is about the same for the present year, that the property has been improved; that the College is greatly in need of increased endowment; that a generous friend has offered to give one dollar for every two dollars that the Church will contribute to this end, and that there is one vacancy on the Board.

1. *Resolved*. That we express anew our confidence in and hearty appreciation of the work done by President and Mrs. Apple, and urge the claims of the College upon the members of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*. That the Synod appoint a committee to cooperate with the Board to increase the endowment, and that the work be pushed forward as vigorously as possible in order to secure the generous offer made by a friend of the College, and that \$800 be appropriated for the expenses of committees referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

3. *Resolved*. That the vacancy on the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg

Academy we learn that the past year has been the best; that the enrollment was 369, representing 22 different states and countries, that the present enrollment is 318, that a new dormitory has been built at the cost \$41,000, that the College has generously assisted about sixty young men; that there are three vacancies on the Board—Mr. H. R. Schuebley, Dr. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. C. A. Santee.

1. *Resolved*, That we express our confidence in the present management of the Board of Regents, and commend the Academy to the young men of our Church.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the work done by Dr. and Mrs. Irvine and the faculty of the Academy, and of the interest shown by the Academy in missionary activity.

3. *Resolved*, That we learn with pleasure of the noble work of Mercersburg in aiding young men to secure an education.

4. *Resolved*, That the three vacancies be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

From the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary we learn that the vacancies in the professorships have been filled; that the Synod is requested to raise \$250 for the services of Prof. Chambers as professor of elocution; that the terms of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., and J. W. Santee, D. D., as members of the Board of Visitors expire December, 1904.

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod rejoices that the vacancies in the professorships have been filled.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod accedes to the request of the Board to raise \$250 for the service of Prof. Chambers, and that the amount shall be referred to the Committee on Finance to apportion among the Classes.

3. *Resolved*, That the two vacancies on the Board of Visitors be referred to the Committee on Nominations to suggest names for election.

4. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Classes be called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the ministry.

From the report of the Board of Education we find that some of the Stated Clerks fail to send in requests for renewal of appropriations and as to the new applicants; that three new

applicants for aid were received, that ten renewals for aid were received, and that three students, who do not receive aid, are under the care of the Board; that the Board requests an apportionment of \$2,500, that the terms of office of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., Rev. J. W. Santee and Rev. P. A. DeLong must be filled at this meeting, and that the unexpired term of Rev. S. H. Stein must be filled.

1. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks be requested to send in promptly renewals or requests for beneficiary aid.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board be requested to exercise all proper care over the students committed to its guardianship.

3. *Resolved*, That the apportionment of \$2,500 be accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the Classes.

4. *Resolved*, That the vacancies in the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations to suggest proper persons to be voted on.

Catawba College.

From the report submitted by the Trustees of College we learn that last year 192 students were enrolled, and that the present enrollment is 120. The indebtedness of the College is about \$4,000. The College is greatly in need of further equipment and endowment.

We, your committee, recommend the following:

Resolved, That we recognize Catawba College as the centre of the influence of the Reformed Church in the South, and therefore as the most promising medium through which to extend the borders of our Church in this promising field.

Resolved, That the several Classes be urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College, and that pastors be urged to give all possible assistance toward increasing the endowment of College.

Resolved, That the six vacancies on the Board be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Resolved, That the Board be commended for the satisfactory report made at this time to the Synod.

Resolved, That Synod recognizes the liberality of the gift of \$15,000 to Catawba for the purpose of giving theological instruction, until which time the income shall be used within

the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina to assist in mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER.

The committee called for in resolution (2) Woman's College is composed of Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., M. O. Noll, and Elder E. A. Rice.

Endowment of Woman's College.

The Committee presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on "Woman's College" to keep that interest before the Classes and congregations of the Synod with a view of increasing the interest in the institution, both by way of patronage, and by way of endowment, beg leave to report as follows:

We have had no meeting of the committee during the year. In fact, it was not the purpose of the Synod that this committee should hold stated meetings, but rather that the individual members thereof might be, each in his respective Classis, the individual through whom the College authorities might stand in contact with the Classis. As such the members of the committee have from time to time arranged for the presentation of the work and cause of Woman's College.

In this view of our duty as a committee, the following presentations have been arranged for the cause during the past year:

Total number of presentations of the cause by President Apple, 31, of which 15 were with use of lantern and 16 without. Points visited with lantern: Carroll Charge, Md.; Fairfield, Pa.; McKnightstown, Pa.; Cashtown, Pa.; Woodberry, Md.; Ridgely, Md.; Marysville, Pa.; Newport, Pa.; New Bloomfield, Pa.; Blain, Pa.; Landisburg, Pa.; Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Newburg, Pa.; Charlesville, Md.; Points visited without lantern: Adamstown, Md.; Walkersville, Md.; Thurmont, Md. (2); Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Silver Run, Md.; St. Jacobs, Pa.; Shrewsbury, Pa.; Glen Rock, Pa.; Carlisle, Pa.; Waynesboro, Pa.; Littlestown, Pa.; Christ Church, Pa.; Washington, D. C.; Saegertown, Pa.; Reichels, Pa.

President Apple was accompanied and assisted by Rev. M.

O. Noll, Chairman of Committee, at Marysville, Pa.; Newport, Pa.; New Bloomfield, Pa.; Blain, Pa.; Newburg, Pa.

Your Committee has not made any special effort toward the endowment of the College, though this will be the ultimate outcome of the work done. We believe that by continuing the work done from year to year, the College will receive the patronage and endowment its service and usefulness in the Church demands.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. NOLL.

Catawba College.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: In behalf of Catawba College, the Synod, under whose care this institution is, is respectfully overtured to endorse the proposition to raise \$100,000 endowment fund, the same to be raised within three years. The responsibility for the raising of this amount is to be placed upon the President and Board of Trustees of the College.

2. To set apart the sum of \$800 for current expenses of Catawba College, to be raised by apportionment, and to cover a period of three years.

Respectfully,

GEORGE ALBERT SNYDER, *President.*

The special committee, consisting of Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., M. O. Noll, C. W. Levan, and Elders A. C. McCardell and M. A. Foltz, to whom Items 8 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod and 12 of Overtures were referred, presented their report on Saturday afternoon. It was received, read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee, to which was referred the Item 8 of Minutes of Synod and the communication of Overtures 12, Rev. G. A. Snyder, President of Catawba College, having considered these questions raised, respectfully offers the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the endorsement of the plans to raise \$100,000 for the endowment of Catawba College be deferred; and that the Board of Trustees of the institution be requested to amend the charter so as to bring the College into organic relation to the Synod.

Resolved, That the President of Catawba College be authorized to continue for one year the raising of \$10,773.16 as

a fund sufficient to complete the endowment of the presidency of that college as pledged by this Synod, and \$2,654.13 for the liquidation of the interest in arrears; and as much more as he may be able to raise in that time.

Resolved, That \$800, to pay the interest and other expenses for this year, be assessed upon the Classes, and the amount referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Resolved, That, for the amount due on the sum borrowed to pay Synod's part in the Science Building, the sum of \$1,000 and amount (\$250) needed to pay the interest on the unpaid principal—or \$1,250—be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK.

Your Committee, to whom, in conjunction with the Trustees of Catawba College was referred the appointment of a financial agent to collect the deficit of \$14,388.33 on Synod's pledge to Catawba College, and the deficit of \$5,000 on the Science Building Fund, would respectfully report:

1. After some correspondence with the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, your committee appointed Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, then pastor of Christ Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md.

2. The compensation, which was mutually agreed upon, was 10 per cent. of the amounts collected.

Brother Snyder, after considerable hesitation, accepted the appointment, and entered upon the work of collecting funds, December 12, 1903. He, however, continued his work as pastor of Christ Church, Hagerstown, until July 9, 1904, at which time he resigned to accept the Presidency of Catawba College. He was hence enabled to devote to the work only such time as he could spare from his pastorate. From July 9 to August 10, he devoted all his time to the work; but on August 6, he removed to Newton, N. C., to enter upon his work as President of Catawba College, and he did not again enter the field as agent until October 14. Altogether he was enabled to give about ten weeks of uninterrupted work to an active canvass for funds.

We ask the Synod to bear these facts in mind in estimating the results obtained.

Brother Snyder has secured subscriptions to the amount of \$4,534.60, of which amount \$4,236.85 is to be credited to Catawba College endowment fund, and \$297.75 to the Science Building Fund. Of this amount \$3,723.40 and \$212.25 have been paid in cash respectively on the two accounts. Deducting 10 per cent. agent's commission, we have left, \$3,813.17 on the Catawba endowment fund, and \$267.98 on the Science Building fund.

In addition to the above, Brother Snyder ascertained that a note of \$500 given by Gen. John E. Roller several years ago, had been intended for the endowment fund, instead of a scholarship fund. Adding this to the above amount, we have \$4,313.17, leaving \$10,075.16 to be raised to cancel Synod's pledge of \$17,000.

Your Committee desires to add that, so far as Brother Snyder has been able to go in the prosecution of his work, he has met with a cordial reception on the part of our pastors and people; for which he desires, through the chairman of your committee, to return thanks to the brethren. Your committee is of the opinion that, if the Synod will allow Brother Snyder to prosecute his work a while longer, with its cordial support, the remaining deficit on this Catawba College endowment fund will be speedily raised.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

The special Committee to whom Item 5 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures was referred, presented the following report, which was received, read and adopted:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Reverend Brethren: Your Special Committee to whom was referred Item V of the report of the Committee on Overtures, being the Eastern Synod's overture for a conference looking to increasing the efficiency of the Church's work of beneficiary education, and securing uniformity and unity therein, beg leave to report that—

Inasmuch as the Synod of the Potomac is already carrying forward its work of beneficiary education through a synodic board under uniform rules holding throughout the Synod, it is not deemed desirable at the present time to enter into confer-

ence with the Eastern Synod; while at the same time the Synod will gladly consider any proposals looking to increasing the efficiency of the important work referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

A. THOS. G. APPLE.

Acceptance of Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer.

The acceptance of the call to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary by Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., was laid before Synod and ordered printed.

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, JULY 19, 1904.

REV. MILES O. NOLL, PRESIDENT, AND REV. E. R. DEATRICK,
STATED CLERK, OF POTOMAC SYNOD:

Dear Brethren: The call to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., which you placed in my hands on the morning of June 17, 1904, as I was already on my way to the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches at Liverpool, England, has been carefully considered.

I appreciate the high honor which the Synod of the Potomac has conferred upon me in thus unanimously electing me to this responsible position. I also realize the great responsibility which your call places upon me, as well as the opportunity for rendering important service to the Church of our Lord. To prepare young men for the work of the gospel ministry is always an important part of the Church's work, and at no time has it been more important than at present.

Relying upon the wisdom of the three Synods which have unanimously joined in calling me to this important work, and trusting in the ever-present help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I accept the trust which your call brings to me, promising to consecrate to the Seminary the utmost of my strength and talent. I shall hold myself in readiness to enter upon the work to which you have called me, with the opening of the Seminary in September next.

Praying the Great Head of the Church to continue his blessing upon the Seminary.

I am your servant in the Lord,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

The following letter of Dr. J. C. Bowman was also presented and ordered to be printed:

REV. E. R. DEATRICK, STATED CLERK OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

My dear Sir and Brother: I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of official copy of resolutions adopted by the Synod of the Potomac, in which, through its committee, it expresses regret upon my withdrawal from the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, along with its kind sentiments of high regard for me and my services.

Such honorable tribute from the Synod of the Potomac I most highly appreciate, and I trust that my services in the Seminary and in behalf of the various interests of the Church may not prove unworthy of the Synod's continued confidence and esteem.

The kind note which you appended, in which you express your personal regard, has not only been grateful to my heart, but serves to strengthen me for the work to which I have been called by the Pittsburgh Synod.

With very kind kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

September 13, 1904.

The members of the Board of Visitors belonging to this Synod were instructed to co-operate with the other Synods in the publication of the inaugural addresses of professors Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss.

Item 20 Minutes of Synod.

The committee appointed to extend a call to Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer, and, if said call was accepted, arrange for his installation and provide him a house, reported. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Committee, appointed to extend a call to the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., and in case it was accepted by him, to arrange for his installation and provide a house for him, begs leave to report:

That the call was extended to Dr. Schaeffer, and he has

signified his acceptance of it. His installation will take place at the opening of the Winter term, January 10, 1905, in the Seminary Building at Lancaster.

We suggest that the Synod arrange for this service.

Your committee has not provided a house for Dr. Schaeffer.

We suggested to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary the feasibility of purchasing the lot situated between the house now occupied by Dr. Bowman and the Seminary grounds, and the erection thereon of two houses, so that each of the five professors be provided with a home.

In case this be done, we suggest that this Synod join with the Eastern Synod and the Synod of Pittsburgh in paying for the same in the usual proportion, viz.: Eastern Synod, one-half; Synod of the Potomac, one-third; and the Synod of Pittsburgh, one-sixth.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. NOLL,

E. R. DEATRICK.

\$2,000 were referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment in payment of the Synod's share of the James Street lot for the Seminary, on which to build a house for Professor Schaeffer.

At the election of members of the several Boards of the Synod held during the session of Monday afternoon Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., P. A. DeLong, C. A. Santee were elected members of the Board of Education for three years, and Rev. J. H. Hoffheins, D. D., for one year; Elder A. R. Schnebley, and Revs. C. A. Santee, C. Clever, D. D., were elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for three years; Elder J. Gassman was chosen Director of the Woman's College for five years; Rev. Drs. E. R. Eschbach and J. W. Santee members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for four years; Elders E. A. Shullenberger and Henry Gable members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years; and the Hon. W. J. Zacharias a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College for three years to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George N. Forney.

Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., Paul Barringer, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Messrs. A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and George

McCorkle were nominated for Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by Catawba College.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D. D., C. A. Santee, P. A. DeLong, 1907; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, 1906; Revs. W. C. Cremer, D. D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., 1905.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Revs. C. Clever, D. D., C. A. Santee, and Elder A. R. Schnebley, 1907; Rev. I. N. Peightel and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and J. Gassman, 1906; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D. D., J. S. Kieffer, D. D., 1905.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Elder John Gassman, 1909; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., 1907; Elder W. H. Lakin, 1906; Elder A. C. McCardell, 1905.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., J. W. Santee, D. D., 1908; Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., and Lewis Robb, 1906.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders E. A. Shullenberger, Henry Gable, 1910; Elders S. N. Hench and I. Laucks, 1908; Elders J. H. Schriver and J. B. Shullenberger, 1906.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., A. S. Weber, D. D., 1910; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909; W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and the report of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and referred to the standing Committee on Missions, for consideration. The committee pre-

sented its report during the session of Monday afternoon. The report was received, read, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

I. Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Brethren: As the Board of Missions was organized in 1873, this is our thirty-first report, reminding us of the many and great changes that have taken place, both in the Board and in its methods of work, during this long period of missionary activity, the details of which are worthy of careful research and study.

The Board at present is made up as follows: President, Rev. C. A. Santee; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer, D. D.; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley; Rev. G. A. Schwedes, Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D., Rev. C. B. Schneder, Elder Charles G. Schaeffer, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Rev. J. D. Miller, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. L. E. Coblentz, Rev. E. R. Deatruck and Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D. The first three and the last three are the Executive Council.

In April last two missions within the bounds of Potomac Synod became self-supporting: Grace church, Washington, D. C., and Faith church, Baltimore, Md.

During the synodical year the following missions within the two Synods have been enrolled: York, Pa., West Hazleton, Pa., and a Hungarian mission in Pocahontas, Va.

As part of our report we lay before you the full report of treasurer J. J. Nissley. You will notice that the amount received for missions, compared with that of last year, is greater by \$3,582.87.

During the year the Board received three legacies: \$262.50, being the final payment on \$500 from the estate of Mr. Josiah Griffith, late of Bedford county, Pa., for a Church-building Fund; also \$1,231.26, being part of the residue of the estate of the said Josiah Griffith; and \$1,646.76 from the estate of the late Mrs. Seraphine A. Dissler, of Reading, Pa., for two Church-building Funds.

In addition to this the Board received \$50 from Rev. A. M.

Schmidt toward a Fund now almost completed, and \$100 from the Sunday-school of the Second church, Reading, Pa., in completion of its Fund.

And it is worthy of note that in addition to these sums paid to our treasurer, other Church-building Funds from these Synods were paid into the treasury of the General Board as follows: \$500 from Mr. John B. Kunz, of Huntingdon, Pa.; \$500 from Miss Eliza A. Rauch, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; \$500 from Miss Emma B. Houck, of Frederick, Md.; \$500 from the Ladies Guild of the First church, Reading, Pa.; \$500 from Mr. William U. Roulette, of Hagerstown, Md.; \$500 from Elder Emmanuel J. Diehl, of Bedford county, Pa.; \$100 from Miss Sarah E. Fricker, of Reading, Pa., being first payment; and \$100 from The North Penn Ministerial Association toward a proposed Fund.

For the preservation of valuable papers the Board has secured a safe, which bears the inscription: "Presented to the Board of Missions by Elder Israel Laucks, of York, Pa."

All of the missions within these two Synods have pastors; and the reports of the missionaries give encouraging accounts of both spiritual and financial progress.

Both Synods will note that in April, 1905, the Board of Home Missions of General Synod will elect a Superintendent of Missions for these Synods. Accordingly we recommend that the Synods nominate Rev. A. C. Whitmer for this office for the term of three years beginning October 1, 1905.

The Synod of the Potomac will note that the terms of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and of Rev. L. E. Coblentz will expire April 1, 1905; and the Synod will also fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. J. F. Moyer, owing to removal from the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. SANTEE, *President*,
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

II. Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions
the Reformed Church in the United States.

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FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From the Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis.....	\$2,127.35	
Tohickon Classis.....	1,348.33	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	2,120.87	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	2,100.00	
Lebanon Classis.....	1,883.96	
Lancaster Classis.....	2,118.67	
Schuylkill Classis.....	1,684.99	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	1,570.00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	1,883.03	
Lehigh Classis.....	3,207.00	
Wyoming Classis.....	1,818.32	
Reading Classis.....	2,919.19	
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From the Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis.....	\$3,154.19	
Mercersburg Classis.....	1,257.97	
Virginia Classis.....	300.00	
Zion's Classis.....	743.51	
Juniata Classis.....	2,125.26	
Gettysburg Classis.....	600.00	
North Carolina Classis.....	665.67	
Carlisle Classis.....	671.97	
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From Miscellaneous Sources.

Shepherdstown, W. Va.	\$14.50
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	100.00
Rev. F. A. Gast, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.....	10.00
Harbaugh church, Waynesboro, Pa.....	4.41
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hazleton, Pa.....	11.43
Harrisville, Va.....	11.75
Mt. Crawford, Va.....	15.40
Sunday-school, Turbutville, Pa.....	5.00
"A Friend," Philadelphia, Pa.....	20.00
Hummelstown, Pa.	20.00
Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	258.30
Riegelsville, Pa., congregation.....	156.00
Riegelsville, Pa., Sunday-school.....	91.28
Salem Sunday-school, Harrisburg, Infant Dept.....	3.15

N evin Boyer Fund, Riegelsville, Pa.....	5.00	
M rs. Anna R. Wagner, interest on legacy.....	100.00	
T rinity, Altoona, Pa.....	52.25	
P avia, Pa., Easter offering.....	7.45	
I nterest on Gerhart Fund.....	6.00	
W . M. Society, Lancaster Classis.....	10.00	
		<u>\$901.92</u>
		<u>\$35,202.20</u>

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P aied Geo. W. Stein, treasurer General Board.....	\$35,202.20
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FOR HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

M ercersburg Classis.....	\$170.00	
M aryland Classis.....	307.45	
S unday-school, Fort Washington, Pa.....	42.48	
M rs. Anna K. Shook, Greencastle, Pa.....	10.00	
C arlisle Classis.....	88.65	
N . B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	50.00	
H untingdon, Pa.....	4.00	
M artinsburg charge.....	15.00	
M issionary Society, Pavia, Pa.....	15.00	
V irginia Classis.....	102.00	
J uniata Classis.....	150.00	
Z ion's Classis.....	85.03	
E astern Synod.....	2,495.26	
		<u>\$7,534.87</u>

FOR THE HARBOR MISSION.

M aryland Classis.....	39.04	
C arlisle Classis.....	12.03	
M ercersburg Classis.....	24.00	
J uniata Classis.....	31.00	
Z ion's Classis.....	13.98	
V irginia Classis.....	11.00	
E astern Synod.....	388.23	
		<u>\$515.28</u>

FOR GERMAN MISSIONS

G eo. N. Forney, treasurer Potomac Synod.....	66.03	
M aryland Classis.....	122.00	
J uniata Classis.....	125.00	
V irginia Classis.....	35.00	
E astern Synod.....	1,353.43	
		<u>\$1,701.46</u>
		<u>\$5,755.61</u>

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Paid Geo. W. Stein, treasurer General Board.....	\$5,755.61
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DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Huntingdon, Pa., for St. Joseph's, Mo.....	\$5.00
Huntingdon, Pa., for Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa...	5.00
Huntingdon, Pa., for Greensboro, N. C.....	15.00
Anon., Frederick, Md., for Moffet's Creek, Va.....	1.00
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. Causey, Lower Davidson.....	58.33
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. McNary, Blowing Rock.....	58.32
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. Murphy, Lenoir..	30.84
North Carolina Classis, for Catawba charge.....	100.00
Dunnings Creek charge, for St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.	10.00
Dunnings Creek charge, for Lewistown, Pa.....	10.80
Dunnings Creek charge, for Palatinate, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1.00
Dunnings Creek charge, for Sioux City, Ia.....	5.00
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	\$300.29

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Paid as designated.....	\$300.29
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FOR CHURCH BUILDING.

Balance in treasury September 28, 1903.....	\$4,031.42
Schuylkill Classis.....	\$215.00
Tohickon Classis.....	274.40
Lebanon Classis.....	291.97
Philadelphia Classis.....	258.71
Lehigh Classis.....	319.00
Reading Classis.....	364.00
East Susquehanna Classis.....	74.37
Lancaster Classis.....	300.60
West Susquehanna Classis.....	275.00
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	\$2,373.05

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Trone and Schmidt Fund.....	\$50.00
Josiah Griffith Fund.....	262.50
Josiah and Susanna Griffith Fund.....	1,231.26
Second church, Sunday-school, Reading, Pa.....	100.00
Benneville and Seraphine A. Dissler Fund.....	823.38
Leonora Boys' Fund.....	823.38
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	\$3,290.52

LOANS REPAYED.

Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	\$200.00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.....	50.00	
Salisbury, N. C., on mortgage.....	450.00	
Salisbury, N. C., on note.....	33.89	
Roanoke, Va., on parsonage.....	100.00	
Brown Memorial, Wichita, Kan.....	999.00	
For the same, by the Board of Home Missions.....	500.00	
Trenton, N. J., Hungarian.....	200.00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.....	200.00	
Steelton, Pa.....	25.00	
South Norwalk, Conn., Hungarian.....	125.00	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.....	1,100.00	
Board of Home Missions.....	3,000.00	
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		\$6,982.89
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		\$16,677.88
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DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, treasurer for Church-Building Fund..	\$2,373.05	
Loan to Lewistown, Pa.....	2,000.00	
Loan to High Point, N. C.....	275.00	
Loan to Emmanuel's church, York, Pa.....	3,000.00	
Special deposit, Haverhill National Bank ..	3,000.00	
Loan to Wainwright, Pa.....	500.00	
Loan to Board of Home Missions.....	2,000.00	
Loan to Grace church, York, Pa.....	2,000.00	
Sept. 30 Balance in treasury ..	52,777.88	
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		\$16,677.88
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REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury September 28, 1902		\$2,127.43
Missionary Union, Philadelphia, Pa.	\$1,750.00	
Mrs. C. A. French	25.00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.	25.00	
C. M. Boush, General Board	35.00	
Dividends of Springer Company	45.00	
Grace church, Baltimore, Md.	25.00	
Roanoke, Va.	100.00	
Tonga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	50.00	
Hungarian church, Trenton, N. J.	200.00	
Maryland Church	15.00	
High Point, N. C.	275.00	
Hungarian church, Philadelphia, Pa.	100.00	
St. John & Hammond, Pa.	50.00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.	200.00	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	100.00	
Packard, Pa.	50.00	

Scranton, Pa.	75.00	
Burlington, N. C.	15.00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	58.00	
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		\$1,432.21
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		\$4,559.66
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Mr. Irvin S. Ditzler, supply at Thomasville, N. C. . .	\$60.00	
Traveling expenses of the Board and postage.	69.52	
Salary of the secretary.	75.00	
Salary of the treasurer.	75.00	
Balance in treasury Sept. 30, 1904.	4,280.14	
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		\$4,559.66
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Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.**Hummelstown, Pa., September 30, 1904.*

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

JAMES C. THOMPSON,
ELLIS N. KREMER,*Auditors.**Harrisburg, Pa., October 3, 1904.*

III. Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Brethren: In presenting to the Synods this annual report the Board would express its thanks to God for his blessings upon its efforts, and to the Church for the substantial support that has been given for the advancement of the work. The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Board. The Church begins to realize the importance of planting her standards in the home land. At our very doors those of other lands are calling for help, while the children of our own people need our best efforts in order to give them the bread of life.

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES. — Three missions became self-supporting on April 1st, 1904, and passed off the roll of the Board. The following missions were enrolled during the year, viz.: York, Pa.; Edinburg, Ill.; Wilton Junction, Ia.; Pocahontas, Va.; Struthers, O.; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Dillonvale, O.; Homewood, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Derry, Pa., and West Hazleton, Pa. We now have on

the roll of the Board one hundred and eleven missions, the largest number we have ever had. Three of the missions are without pastors at this date. Of this large number of men under the care of the Board not one was disabled in any way during the year. All these men enjoyed good health and did a good work for the people under their care and for the Church whose servants they are. The missions have been prosperous. Of course, some have a more hopeful future so far as human eyes can see, than others; yet there is not one that presents a discouraging aspect.

THE FINANCES.—The Board paid all the missionaries promptly at the end of each quarter. We are glad to report that the condition of the finances is gradually improving. Treasurer Stein gives us the following as his statement of the finances for the year ending September 1st, 1904:

For Home missions.....	\$51,858.86
For Hungarian missions.....	4,578.09
For German missions.....	2,426.58
For the Harbor Mission.....	1,164.37
Total.....	\$60,027.90

It will be noticed that the amount paid for Hungarian and German missions is in each case only a little over one-half of the sum voted by the General Synod at Baltimore, while the sum paid for the Harbor mission falls \$35.62 short of the sum promised. Might not these shortages be raised? Yes, it will be seen that the sum received during the year is larger than that received during any previous year.

Last year when the report was made the indebtedness was fully \$12,000. At the present time Treasurer Stein reports that the debt is \$2,127.21. Can we not as a Church arrange to wipe out this small debt and our work will be done for the treasury? When the whole Church is concerned in paying the Harbor missionary, it is not strange that the whole sum of \$1,200 should not be raised? It will be seen also, that the \$1,164.37 is \$12.62 in excess of the whole sum voted by the General Synod for the use of the Harbor Board.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.—It will be noticed that we now have between Hungarian missionaries a more than three-fold

are either in cities or in thriving towns. They are in the midst of the Hungarian population and have plenty of material upon which to work. The missions are prospering while the missionaries are doing faithful work. There was an attempt made by the Church in Hungary to have the churches in this country attach themselves to the mother Church. But from all appearances this whole matter has been settled and the work will go forward as usual. While we are doing a commendable work, there are still other places that should be taken up by us. These missions have been engaged in the work of erecting church buildings, and the majority of them have very comfortable houses of worship. The Board has had to help these missions liberally with its Church-building Funds, but these will all be paid back to the Board in due time.

THE BULLETIN.—This little paper still continues its monthly visits to many of our congregations. The circulation is about 26,000, and goes out at the rate of a penny a copy per year. Of course, this price is simply to help bear part of the postal charges. The aim of the Board is to get the facts of our home work more generally before our people. We believe that the end in view is being accomplished. Those who get it are pleased with it, not a few declaring that it is just the kind of a paper that the Church needs. Not only does the Board aim, through it, to give to the Church the missionary news, but to give such other facts of a missionary character as will be beneficial to her. The circulation should be larger.

HOME MISSIONARY DAY.—This day comes on the second Sunday in November. We cannot say that it has been a complete success so far. The fact that it comes so soon after the meetings of the synods is somewhat against it. The fact that it comes just when some of the pastors are getting ready for the Christmas festival may also militate somewhat against it. But it is likely that the fact that the services were not out in time had more to do with its failure than aught else. This latter has been remedied this year. At this writing the services are ready for distribution, and in a very short time will be in the hands of the pastors. The services and the envelopes will be sent to all the pastors. This is somewhat of a departure from last year. Of course, this is *Home Missionary Day* in the Sunday-schools, and the Board does ask most earnestly that all

the pastors hold this service in their Sunday-schools. Let the children learn what they can of the great work in which they must soon take a more lively part. Give them an opportunity, also, to give their mite for the furtherance of the work. With the children, let the whole congregation join in the service, so as to encourage them in the part they take.

CHURCH-BUILDING.—This work is still of first importance, and demands the attention of the Church and the Board. Treasurer Boush furnished the following statement for this report, for the year ending September 1st, 1904:

MONEYS RECEIVED.

On Church building funds.....	\$5,614.96
On apportionments.....	3,604.52
On moneys invested.....	2,843.87
Interest on investments.....	851.10
Special offerings.....	24.55
On bonds issued.....	36,500.00
Total.....	<u>\$49,439.00</u>

MONEY PAID OUT.

Invested in real estate.....	\$32,143.39
Bonds redeemed.....	20,100.00
Interest paid.....	3,515.25
Salary for attorney, treasurer and other ex- penses.....	644.50
Total.....	<u>\$56,403.14</u>

This leaves a deficit of \$7,964.14. But it will be seen that \$32,143.39 was invested in real estate during the year.

New bonds were issued.....	\$36,500.00
Bonds redeemed.....	20,100.00
Leaving.....	<u>\$16,400.00</u>

which represents the actual increase of the endowment dur-
ing the year. This seems a large increase of the endowment,
but the work demanded is. There were in September 1st,
\$8,000 of the \$16,400 in the treasury ready to meet some
liabilities soon coming due. The value of real held by the
Board and the money invested in the purchase of churches and
amounts to about \$50,000. Of course if the interest rate

were reckoned, the sum would be larger. This is certainly a good showing for a period of fourteen years during which this arm of the work has been in operation. The indebtedness of our building fund is largely caused by the rapid increase of the missions and the necessity of supplying them with lots and buildings. Much of this indebtedness, however, is in the form of endorsements, and the missions themselves are obligated for the refunding of the money. In many cases the Board holds the deed for the lot, or holds a mortgage on the property as security. The importance of this part of the work should be kept before the membership of our Church. The increase of the building fund will enable the Board to extend the work in every direction.

THE MATTER OF SELF-SUPPORT.—The Church contributes her money for the purpose of helping weak points and opening new missions in cities and districts where missions are needed. It is the idea of the Church and the Board that just as soon as a mission can help itself it should do so, and no longer ask the help of the Church. It is supposed that the classes and synods have an oversight over the missions within their bounds. In the nature of things, neither the Board nor the superintendents can determine when the time has come for the missions to go to self-support. In this matter the auxiliary Boards should come to the help of the General Board. These subordinate boards assume the right to recommend when and where missions should be established within their bounds. That is right, but they should also take such an oversight of the missions so established as to bring them to self-support as quickly as possible. The Board wishes to help the greatest number possible with the money contributed by the Church, and in order to do this the subordinate boards should keep careful watch over the missions in their territory. Missions that give no hope of self-support in a reasonable time should be consolidated with nearby congregations, if it can be done to advantage. The aim should be to relieve the Board of such missions, so as to help other points.

ADDITIONAL WORK.—As regards new work that might be assumed, there is scarcely any limit. There are plenty of places where the Board is asked to open missions. There are many towns and cities where we should begin work.

Under these circumstances the Board must do what seems best. There are those who criticize the Board for being rather slow and too conservative, not trusting the Church sufficiently, and having too little faith in our people to meet the exigencies of the case. But the Board has learned that it is best to move in accordance with the progress of the Church and not to risk too much by running too deeply into debt. It has been moving a little more rapidly than the Church, having created an indebtedness in order to push the work, but this must not go so far as to involve the Board and the Church in too large a debt. The Board must move somewhat in accordance with the men and the means that the Church furnishes. But the Board promises the synods to extend the work as rapidly as is consistent with all the circumstances and conditions of the case. Every year some new points are added, while churches are being erected among the missions. The Board now handles \$100,000 or more annually in the prosecution of the work.

APPORTIONMENTS.—We give for the last time the amounts to be apportioned the synods as arranged by the General Synod at Baltimore:

Synods.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home and Foreign Synodical Expenses.	General Expenses.	Church Building.
Western	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Central	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Eastern	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
South	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
North	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Canada	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Foreign	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
India	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
China	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Japan	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Philippines	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
South Sea Islands	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Other Islands	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

We again ask the synods to give the Board the same amount that have been promised.

That Home Missions, Day in the Sunday-schools be observed and the offerings given as additional funds for the work.

That the Church-building movement be kept before our people with a view of increasing the number of our Church-building Funds.

We again earnestly request our dear members for Church-building.

J. S. FARR
General Superintendent

IV. Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The year 1904 will mark a notable event in the history of our Church. It is the quarto-centennial of our Mission in Japan. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Twenty-five years ago we began the work at Tokyo with one missionary, and the receipts for the first year were about \$7,000. Now we have twenty-one missionaries, and the receipts for the past year have been \$69,500. Then, our membership in the home Church was 147,788, the receipts for benevolent objects \$61,727, and for congregational purposes \$532,229; now the membership is 255,880, receipts for benevolent objects \$281,892, and for congregational purposes \$1,450,247. These statistics are the best evidence that the establishment of our foreign mission has been a distinct gain to the Church. With the departure of the first missionary a new life was kindled in the hearts of our pastors and people, and to-day we may well rejoice over the glorious results of the toils and sacrifices of our noble band of missionaries. God bless them and us in our united efforts to bring souls into the kingdom.

SILVER JUBILEE.—All the synods and classes have taken strong action, urging pastors and people to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our Japan Mission. This event has been emphasized by special services, full of interest and inspiration, in Sendai and Tokyo. The native Christians fully appreciate the efforts of our people in their behalf. What have we done in the home Church towards a worthy celebration? Shall we not relate in sermons and addresses the story of the great achievements of our faithful missionaries? It has been the burning hope in many hearts that during this Silver Jubilee year, and as an expression of our gratitude to God for his special favors, the Church would contribute at least \$25,000 for the erection of the North Japan College buildings. Towards this amount we have \$6,000. Our earnest band of workers on the field look with pleading eyes to us to supply this great need. The brethren will remember that the North Japan College was in danger of being closed last April by the government for want of proper buildings. Only the promise of Dr. Schneder that the Church would provide these buildings during the coming year saved the institution from such

a calamity. Early in the year an official was sent to inspect the school, and, after giving a thorough inspection, he gave a very favorable report to a newspaper reporter at Sendai, in which he says: "I think it is a very promising school. I cannot but congratulate Sendai upon having such a good school. It is my conviction that it will surpass government schools in the near future." There is no doubt but that the North Japan College is a great moral and spiritual power in Japan, the centre of Christian work in the northern part of the Empire, and the greatest hope of future victory in this part of the missionary field. Who then will neglect to give large gifts towards the proper equipment of an institution that has for its chief object the training of young men for the gospel ministry?

GIRLS' SCHOOL COMPLETED.—It is with great joy of heart that we report the completion of all the buildings for the Miyagi Girls' School, and at a cost of over \$8,000 below the original estimate. The leading Sendai daily says: "The dormitory is one of the best planned and most substantial in north-eastern Japan, and will doubtless be patterned after by many other schools." The ladies' residence was enlarged so as to give a study and sleeping-room to each of the four lady teachers, and many other changes and repairs were made. The recitation hall, which is a memorial to the late Christine Vollmer Faust, is a beautiful solid brick structure with granite trimmings. As Japan is an earthquake country, great care was used that the building should be strong, and it is probably as nearly earthquake-proof as a building can be built. It contains eight recitation rooms, a large chapel, library, laboratory and science room, business office, reception room and waiting rooms. Our Girls' School has now a very fine equipment, and there is no better plant in Japan for the Christian education of young women. The cost of these buildings is as follows:

Dormitory.....	\$7,456.70
Ladies' residence	2,372.65
Recitation hall.....	3,412.47
Moving Bible women's house	59.00
Two lots.....	2,384.31
Fencing, grading, incidentals	6,258
Total.....	\$26,905.81

Receipts from all sources for the Girls' School building amount to about \$27,000.

The credit for the speedy and economical erection of these buildings is due to Rev. W. E. Lampe, who had sole charge of the building operations. In his report of the work so well done, he says: "We of the Japan Mission feel grateful to all who, by their contributions or in any other way, have helped us in this grand work."

NEED OF WORKERS.—Delightful as the buildings are, the Japan Mission needs more than buildings; it must have additional workers. The present force is not adequate to meet the demands of the hour. We have come to that point of our work when we must supply men or lose ground already ours. A missionary family ought to be located in Sakata and another in Akita without delay. In fact, the missionaries Faust and Lampe, who have mastered the language, are ready to leave Sendai and occupy these stations as soon as we will send men to take their places in the College. Unless the Board can appoint three new missionaries this fall, we will not be able to hold the vantage won through the blessing of God, the zeal of our missionaries and our own sacrifices in the past. Brethren, we *must* send several missionaries to Sendai *now*. Who will heed the call? Who will help to send them?

KIND OF TEACHERS.—With the large increase of students in the Girls' School, it will be a risk to compel the three ladies to do all the work during the coming year. We should send a lady of exceptional qualifications as teacher for the school. Dr. Schneder urges the appointment of an additional professor of English in North Japan College. They need these men now. It may be a layman—even a capable lady might answer the purpose well—who is willing to make this his life-work. Should our missionary Noss decide to accept the professorship in the Seminary at Lancaster, his place in the faculty at Sendai dare not remain vacant. His withdrawal from the Mission will be a great loss. Let us not discourage the missionaries by delaying to send a strong man for the position. Dr. Schneder says the Tohoku Gakuin is now the largest school in the Church of Christ in Japan. It is a vastly important school for Japan, and if we do not have men in our theological department who can attract stu-

dents and hold their respect, we shall fail in the most vital point of our work.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.—We turn now to our Mission in China. Wonderful is the story of the unfolding of our work in that vast empire. At Yochow the missionaries have been busy during the past year in the erection of the boys' school, the hospital, the chapel and the missionary residence. The Eastern Synod is pledged to raise \$4,000 for the boys' school. This amount is not sufficient for the payment of the additional land and the buildings. The gift of \$3,000 from Elder George W. and Agnes Hoffman, of Two Taverns, Adams county, Pa., will be applied towards this building. We should have, at the lowest estimate, \$5,000 more to pay for all the buildings at Yochow. Dr. Hoy assures us that he will practice the greatest economy in the erection of these buildings. He says: "It would wonderfully relieve, strengthen and comfort me if the Boys' School Fund, all of it, could soon be in my hands. I want to finish these many building operations, and then study the language. Moreover, we need the new place and the new buildings to do justice to our boys. We have forty students in all. We have some very bright and promising lads. Brother Reimert's Y. M. C. A. is a joy to behold. With such work as a basis, we may expect much." The great need of the boys' school is two teachers. These should be sent out by all means this fall. Dr. William Mann Irvine, of Mercersburg, has kindly promised to contribute \$700, in addition to the \$800 for Dr. Beam, towards the support of a teacher for the boys' school. Mrs. Hoy, who is home on furlough, pleads very earnestly with the Board to send two lady evangelists to China. During the past year we have elected a missionary trained nurse, Miss Grace R. Whitmore, who is now on the field, and a second medical missionary, Dr. Cyril H. Haas, who expects to sail next July. The Board gratefully acknowledges the help of the women of Mercersburg Classis in providing the outfit money, \$300; of the women of the Ohio Synod for the passage money, \$400; and of the women of the Eastern Synod for \$600, annually for five years towards the support of Miss Whitmore. Rev. S. S. Snyder and family have gone to China, sailing on September 5th. Brother Snyder has been most faithful in his visitations of the churches during his furlough.

He returns to the work in the foreign field with the well-wishes of many friends.

GIFT OF BROTHERS.—Reference was made in the report of last year to the offer of the four Chinamen at Chingshi. Some time ago Dr. Hoy notified the Board that two brothers, Chang Shao U and Chang Shao Chu, have donated to us, for the work in Chingshi, a lot of ground measuring 525 feet by 204 feet. In addition to that, they have also donated \$3,000 Mexicans for a high stone and brick wall around the premises. After the completion of the wall the buildings are to be started. A number of men are getting money and materials ready for the buildings. This liberal gift of about \$10,000 has only one condition to it—that we furnish two missionaries. Before the completion of the buildings the teachers should be on the field to acquire the language. Can we afford to disappoint these friends? We should immediately appoint these new missionaries. Are there not fifty congregations, societies, or individuals in the Church who would be willing, in addition to their regular contributions for the apportionment, to pledge \$100, for five years, towards the support of these additional missionaries? This is the only way possible to increase our missionary force. Amid his great trials, Dr. Hoy exclaims: "Would to God our people could see our situation as it really is. In my present trials let our friends stand by us. God will yet make our enemies glorify his holy name."

DR. KELLY, CHENCHOW.—Surpassing the offer of the friends at Chingshi is the providential opening at Chenchow, about 125 miles distant from Yochow. Rev. William Kelly, M. D., a missionary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, felt it his duty to open a new work at Chenchow, but the board of that Church was not able to enter the field. Without creating the least unfriendliness, he has withdrawn from the board and carries with him the well wishes of his friends. Since Yochow is the nearest station, he applied to Dr. Hoy, stating the terms on which he would unite with our Mission. Our Board was immediately notified, and Dr. Kelly is now one of our missionaries. In this report we cannot enter into details. Suffice it to say that Dr. and Mrs. Kelly are both good linguists, and they will prove a valuable acquisition to our work. They are capable, affable, earnest and devoted. They are full

of sacrifice, and have ever given much to the work. The synods will be pleased to know that the new missionary has made a transfer of his property at Chenchow to our Mission. The compound is about 350 by 450 feet, with a brick wall and stone foundation about eight feet high. The buildings are a residence, a chapel and a dispensary. The property is worth \$4,000 (gold). "It is, all in all, one of the finest mission properties in China." We are glad to know that Dr. Kelly is satisfied with his transition, and he writes: "I believe the Lord has led in it all; and so we enter the work with this assurance, which enables us to give a whole-hearted service." We bespeak for Dr. and Mrs. Kelly the sincere confidence and hearty co-operation of the entire Church. Dr. Hoy writes: "Dr. Kelly is worth more to us than money." But it is due to this brother to tell the Church that he brings with him, besides his own property, a gift that should stir the hearts of all our people. From a letter of Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, Acting Consul-General at Hankow, to Dr. Hoy, we gather the inspiring information that our China Mission will receive a special grant of \$25,000, this money to be used for hospital and school purposes at Chenchow. The following communication will explain itself:

H. B. M. CONSULATE GENERAL,
HANKOW, July 29, 1904.

Sir: I beg to inform you that H. M. Minister at Peking has notified me that H. M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has sanctioned my proposal that one-half of the Chenchow Indemnity Fund, now in my hands, should be bestowed on the China Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States. This sum is granted for the establishment of a hospital or school in the city of Chenchow in Hubei. The only conditions attached to the grant are that an account of the administration of the money be furnished to H. M. Government, and that some tablet be put up in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the new building, explaining the circumstances of the grant, namely, that this money was extracted by H. M. Government on account of the murder of the two C. I. M. missionaries for as long as it may last for the ultimate benefit of the people of Chenchow by means of a charitable institution. This money is yours for

I beg to suggest that you devise a suitable Chinese inscription to this effect and submit to me.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. M. H. PLAYFAIR,
Acting Consul-General.

REV. W. E. HOY, Yochow.

FINGER OF GOD.—With all these manifest tokens of the divine favor, will we fail to improve our golden opportunities by not heeding the reasonable demands of our missionaries? May we not accept these special grants as the leadings of Providence, and as a proof that God owns our feeble efforts in the spread of his gospel among the heathen? Should not these gifts constrain all of us to bring liberal offerings for the Lord's work in Japan and China? We plead for 500 special contributions of \$100 each before the end of 1904. Who will be the first to lead off? Who will be the last to complete the \$125,000 which we need to square our accounts before God and with men?

ANNUITY BOND.—The Board has issued an Annuity Bond, which we believe is a safe, wise and kind investment. This offers an opportunity to the friends of foreign missions who may have it in their hearts to help this sacred cause, but who are dependent upon their incomes as long as they live. The Board binds itself to pay the donors, so long as they shall live, an annuity, in semi-annual payments, the amount of which shall be mutually agreed upon, and specified in the bond. The donor helps the Church, through the Board, to obey the Lord's great command to preach the gospel to every creature. The income is certain. The investment is permanent.

OUR CHILDREN.—Foreign Mission Day has proven a great blessing to many Sunday-schools, and we trust the synods will commend its observance to the congregations and schools. This is one way to impart helpful information and will foster an intelligent interest in the work. Some one has said: "The largest success of the cause of missions is in the hands of the young." If this be true, then we do well to inform our children and infuse into their hearts a love for perishing souls.

HISTORY OF OUR WORK.—There is in press an English and German edition of the "History of the Japan Mission," a

book full of valuable information in regard to the work during the past twenty-five years. We kindly ask all pastors to give this volume the widest possible circulation, for it has permanent value. We hope to have it ready for distribution by October 15th.

FALLEN ASLEEP.—On May 5, 1904, the venerable Dr. S. N. Callender, Secretary Emeritus of the Board, fell asleep in Jesus. Dr. Callender was elected secretary in October, 1890, and continued to perform the duties of his office until January, 1902. He was a faithful servant and did his work well. May he rest in peace.

Praying God's richest blessing to rest upon your deliberations, and craving your sympathy and help in the prosecution of our work, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Secretary.

Philadelphia, September 1, 1904.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts from September 1, 1903-1904.

SYNODS.	Number of Members.	Amount of Apportionment.	Paid on Apportionment.	Special Contributions.	W. M. S., General Synod.	Receipts all Sources.
Eastern	107,567	\$18450 00	\$12621 45	\$11740 06	.....	\$24361 51
Potomac.....	39,770	7240 00	5427 18	7019 18	.....	12446 36
Pittsburgh	19,800	3375 00	3628 07	1817 90	.....	5445 97
Ohio	25,716	4685 00	2562 82	2409 74	.....	4972 56
Interior	3,335	535 00	592 52	1081 28	.....	1673 80
Central.....	23,021	4125 00	3601 42	2750 51	.....	6351 93
North West	20,555	3975 00	2523 31	626 83	.....	3150 14
German East	15,116	2625 00	1006 49	747 07	.....	1753 56
W. M. S., General Synod .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$8077 30	8077 30
Interest, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1267 01
Total	255,880	\$45010 00	\$31963 26	\$28192 57	\$8077 30	\$69500 14

The present debt of the Board is \$40,000.00.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Receipts from September 1, 1903-1904

	Western Japan College.	Girls' School Building.	Beneficiaries in Japan.	Boys' School Building, China.	Hoy Memorial Hospital.	Beneficiaries in China.	Christian Endeavor Missionary.	Sunday-School Missionary.	Receipts all Sources.
Pastor	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$102.50	\$75.71	\$102.35	\$201.25	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$24361.51
Pastor	125.00	201.00	422.50	3154.77	00.35	216.00	37.00	91.00	12446.36
Pittsburgh	011.25	181.00	00.00	124.00	18.00	25.00	20.00	85.00	5445.97
Other	124.00	150.00	155.50	130.48	07.25	113.50	170.00	76.65	4972.55
Interden	005.48	410.01	54.77	1.00	182.54	10.00	.....	.....	1673.80
Central	100.45	1420.00	150.00	104.00	11.30	25.00	15.00	19.11	6351.93
North West	2521.11	1,18.04	28.00	54.04	.....	10.00	15.00	30.00	3150.14
German East	1000.40	1,14.02	218.50	10.00	.....	50.00	30.00	5.00	1753.56
W. M. S. General School	2055.11	013.54	120.00	27.25	75.65	116.50	.....	.....	8077.30
Interest, etc	1207.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1267.01
Total	\$1200.18	\$2001.28	\$1401.77	\$4300.00	\$2010.44	\$2827.25	\$437.00	\$375.76	\$69500.14

* Includes:

Outfit, Miss Reifneider.....	\$300.00
" Miss Whitmore.....	322.80
China Girls' School.....	200.30
Trained Nurse.....	341.00

STATISTICS OF JAPAN MISSION, 1903.

Fields of Work.	Pastors.	Evangelists.	Church Buildings.	Meeting Places.	Members.	Additions.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Native Contributions.	Appropriations by Mission.	Value of Property.
Tokyo.....	2	3	4	3	371	24	6	169	\$201 83	\$718 75	\$1650 00
Sendai	5	7	4	6	537	107	12	773	631 02	741 59	21000 00
Fukushima	1	5	3	15	505	125	9	542	239 53	1165 58	1025 00
North Miyagi	1	3	2	5	217	33	4	156	117 88	594 00	600 00
South Miyagi.....	1	3	2	5	189	27	5	179	249 03	522 63	400 00
Yamagata .....	.....	4	1	11	144	14	5	85	65 51	469 99	1500 00
Akita	1	.....	.....	1	30	19	1	37	47 22	320 65	.....
Total.....	11	25	16	46	1993	349	42	1941	\$1552 02	\$4533 19	\$26175 00

V. Report of the Committee on Missions.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Missions has carefully examined the report of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, the report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions, the report of the Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board and the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, which were referred to us, and submit the following report:

It is gratifying to call your attention to the fact that the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of these Boards. Evidently the work has been placed in able hands, and we bear testimony to the efficient manner in which it has been performed. These men who have been honored by the Church in being placed in their positions are in turn honoring the Church in the faithfulness with which they are fulfilling their obligations. They are wide-awake to the opportunities opening up before them, and do not hesitate to lead the Church into the advanced work. It is to be regretted that the Church has not kept pace with these leaders and failed in giving the full support so essential to all their needs. The activity of both the Home and Foreign Boards is crippled by the need of men and money. More men must be furnished if we are to occupy the places that are ready for our ministry, and more money must be provided to carry on the present and future work.

The Home Board has under its care one hundred and eleven missions. Three missions became self-supporting on April 1, 1904, viz.: Grace Church, Washington, D. C.; Faith Church, Baltimore, Md., and Wilkins, Kans. New missions were enrolled at York, Pa.; Edinburg, Ill.; Wilson Junction, Ia.; Pocahontas, Va.; Smithers, Ohio; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Dillonvale, Ohio; Pottsburg, Pa.; Derry, Pa., and West Hazleton, Pa. Three missions are vacant. New work could be assumed without limit if the men and means were given. The condition of the finances are gradually improving though there is a debt of \$2,127.21 on the Board of General Synod due to the fact that the contributions have been \$12,502 less than of the amount apportioned by General Synod. However, the Bi-Synodic Board reports a balance in the treasury of \$1,295.11. The seventeen Hungarian Missions are prospering. There has

been an effort made to unsettle the relation which these missions sustain to our Church, and matters have not as yet been satisfactorily settled. The "Missionary Bulletin" has been doing a commendable and beneficial work. Home Missionary Day has not been a complete success thus far, and deserves the co-operation of all the pastors of the Church. Efforts for Church-building Funds are demanding increased interest among our people. The terms of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and Rev. L. E. Coblentz expire April 1, 1905; and Rev. J. F. Moyer has resigned owing to removal from the Synod.

The Foreign Mission work is making great strides and realizing wonderful opportunities. The work in Japan and China is exceedingly prosperous, and the missionaries are rendering admirable service.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of our Mission in Japan has been fittingly observed in Japan and in some portions of the Church in the United States. It is worthy of wider recognition, with the promise of greater inspiration, one special result of this celebration of the Silver Jubilee year is desired in the erection of the North Japan College building, towards which considerable money has already been contributed. The History of the Japan Mission published by the Board, the best book the Church has ever received concerning our Foreign work, will greatly aid this work if it is given wide circulation. The lack of proper buildings threatened the closing by the government of this College, the largest school to-day in the Church of Christ in Japan. The promise that these buildings would be provided this year alone prevented this calamity. The Church must stand by Dr. Schneder and fulfill this obligation. The completion of the buildings for the Miyagi Girl's School has been speedily and economically accomplished through contributions of \$27,000. For our Mission work in Japan the Board needs three missionaries this fall to hold the ground already won, and, in the event of Rev. Christopher Noss accepting the professorship in the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., an able teacher to fill his place in the faculty at Sendai.

More wonderful than all has been the unfolding of the mission work in the great Chinese Empire. At the central station, Yochow, the erection of a boy's school, hospital, chapel and missionary residence has been occupying the attention of

the missionaries. The gift of \$3,000 from Elder Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, of Two Taverns, Adams county, came from this Synod for that cause. The contributions and support of Mercersburg College is especially commendable in the support of Dr. Beam, and the promise of additional money for sending a new teacher for the boys' school. Two lady evangelists are needed in China.

The second station at Chingshi is the result of the gift of \$10,000 from four Chinamen on condition that two missionaries be sent to occupy the ground. A third station was providentially opened at Chenchow, in the reception of Rev. Wm. Kelly, M. D., from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Kelly are both fine linguists and experienced and capable missionaries, and will prove valuable additions to the ranks of our missionaries. At the same time they bring to us the splendid equipment of \$30,000, part of which is in the form of a residence, a chapel and a dispensary. Foreign Mission Day is being increasingly observed and proving effective to a larger and more devoted support of the mission work. The Board has at present a debt of \$50,000, due to the failure of the churches to pay apportionment in full. To raise this deficiency the Board proposes an emergency fund of 500 special contributions of \$100 each, to be secured before the end of 1904. The Board further provides for contributions by Annuity Bonds, to become the possession of the Board at the death of the donors.

In making this report we are deeply conscious of the loss sustained by the Foreign Board in the death of Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary Emeritus of the Board, on May 5, 1904. For almost twelve years he had been identified with this work, and manifested a deep concern and devoted service. We also express our sincere sympathy for Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Superintendent of the General Board of Home Missions, in the sorrow sustained by him in the death of his esteemed and devoted wife.

We present the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That we record our deep gratitude to God for his abundant and rich blessings bestowed upon our Home and Foreign Mission work, and our sincere appreciation of the devoted and self-sacrificing work of our missionaries and the

members of the several Boards, as evidenced in the result of their work.

2. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves anew to support the work of Missions, and urge Classes to assume and pay all the apportionments for such purposes in full.

3. *Resolved*, That we regard the apportionments as the smallest amount upon which the Boards can accomplish their work and essential to the progress of their work, and that we therefore disapprove of all special efforts that may be made by any classes or charges before these apportionments have been met in full.

4. *Resolved*, That we commend the efforts put forth by the Home Mission Board for Church-building Funds, and ask faithful co-operation in this work by our people.

5. *Resolved*, That we approve of the six cents a member for Church-building, and urge a better response to this cause on the part of Classes and congregations.

6. *Resolved*, That we recognize the special leading and providence of God in the coming into our midst of Dr. and Mrs. William Kelly, and extend the hand of Christian fellowship to them.

7. *Resolved*, That Synod accepts all the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions, and apportions the same upon the different Classes: Home Missions, \$12,450; Harbor Missions, \$193; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$1,443; work among the Germans, \$930; six cents per member, Church-building; Foreign Missions, \$7,240.

8. *Resolved*, That we urge Classes and congregations to support the Foreign Mission Board in the effort to erect buildings for the North Japan College.

9. *Resolved*, That we commend to Classes and congregations the observance of Home and Foreign Missionary Days as set apart by the respective Boards.

10. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the sending of three missionaries to Japan, together with the filling of the vacancy in the faculty at Sendai in the event of the retirement of Rev. Christopher Noss.

11. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the sending of six missionaries to China.

12. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the

publication of the History of the Japan Mission, and urge Classes and pastors and consistories to use their influence in the sale of it.

13. *Resolved*, That Synod learns with pleasure of the successful completion of the Miyagi Girls' School, and the fact that it was erected at a cost of over \$8,000 below the original estimate, due to the executive ability of Rev. W. E. Lampe.

14. *Resolved*, That Synod shares the sorrow of the Board of Foreign Missions in the death of Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender and of Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., in the death of his esteemed wife.

15. *Resolved*, That Synod recommends to the General Board of Home Missions the re-election of Rev. A. C. Whitmer in April 1, 1905, for the term of three years beginning October 1, 1905.

16. *Resolved*, That the vacancies on the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

17. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the issuing of Annuity Bonds by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY H. APPLE.

At an election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. W. Schaeffer, D. D., and L. E. Coblentz were elected members of the Board of Home Missions for four years, and Rev. C. W. Levan for one year.

Members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions, and date of expiration of terms of service: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and L. E. Coblentz, 1908; Rev. C. A. Santee, 1907; Pers. J. David Miller and W. H. Styles, 1906; Pers. E. P. Deatrick, B. D., and C. W. Levan, 1905.

ARTICLE XX

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Chas. M. Wolff, esq., the Treasurer of the Synod, submits the following report, which includes the account of Geo. N. Forney, the former treasurer, to the time of his inability to perform the duties of the office, by reason of sickness:

1903.

DR.

Oct. 21. To balance of cash in the hands of the former treasurer at said date..... \$270.68
To cash received from the various Classes during the past year, by the former treasurer and the present treasurer, is as follows:

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

1904.

Oct. 21. For Catawba College, in past year..... \$78.00
For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod... 105.00
For Contingent Fund of General Synod... 138.00
For Theological Seminary Aid Fund..... 144.00
For Science Hall Building, interest on note
of \$5,000 50.00

Total amount..... \$515.00

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

1904.

Oct. 21. For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod... \$65.00
For Catawba College 90.00
For Science Hall Building, interest on note. 25.00

Total amount..... \$180.00

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

1904.

Oct. 21. For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.. \$65.00
For Work among the Germans..... 35.00
For Science Hall Building, interest on note. 25.00

Total amount..... \$125.00

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

1904.

Oct. 21. For Catawba College, in the past year..... \$145.00
For Theological Seminary Aid Fund..... 157.00
For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod in
full..... 115.00

Total amount..... \$417.00

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

1904	Oct. 21.	For Contingent Fund of the Potomac Synod in the past year.....	\$85.00	
		For Theological Seminary in the past year.	56.00	
		For Catawba College in the past year.....	74.52	
		For Science Hall Building, interest on the \$5,000 note.....	40.00	
		Total amount.....		\$255.52

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

1904	Oct. 21.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod..	\$160.00	
		For Catawba College in the past year.....	429.96	
		For Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	131.14	
		Total amount.....		\$721.10

ZION'S CLASSIS.

1904	Oct. 21.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod..	\$176.46	..
		For General Synod Fund.....	66.32	
		For Catawba College in the past year.....	10.86	
		For Theological Seminary in the past year.	36.90	
		For Work among the Germans.....	44.20	
		For Bohemian Church of Chicago.....	4.80	
		For part payment of arrearages of funds advanced by Synod for said Zion's Classis, on account of Washington Memorial church (on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1903).....	76.29	
		Total amount.....		\$415.83

CAPLISLE CLASSIS.

1903	Dec. 23.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod...	\$13.73	
		For Contingent Fund of General Synod....	7.45	
		For Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	12.55	
		For Catawba College, North Carolina....	12.11	
		For Work among the Germans.....	14.97	
		For interest arrearages to Catawba College.	51.28	
				\$112.09
1904	Feb. 4.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod ..	\$4.09	
		For Contingent Fund of General Synod...	2.46	
		For Theological Seminary Aid Fund	9.81	

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For Catawba College.....	14.77	
For Work among the Germans.....	6.91	
For interest due Catawba College, arrear- ages.....	43.72	
	<hr/>	\$81.76

1904.

May 13.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod...	\$9.04	
	For Contingent Fund of General Synod....	5.43	
	For Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	6.39	
	For Catawba College.....	9.55	
	For Work among the Germans.....	16.32	
		<hr/>	\$46.73

1904.

Oct. 11.	For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod..	\$35.14	
	For Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	24.97	
	For Catawba College.....	18.75	
	For Work among the Germans.....	2.67	
	For Science Hall Building, interest on \$5,- 000 note.....	6.83	
		<hr/>	\$88.36

Total amount in the past year..... \$328.94

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

1904

May 6.	From George A. Snyder, for Science Hall Building, on account of interest on \$5,000 note.....	\$125.00	
Sept. 23.	From Eliza A. Forney, interest on her note, 5 per cent., taken for synodical cash by former treasurer.....	6.05	
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	Total amount.....		\$131.05

• Total received from all sources to October
21, 1904.....\$3,360.12

The treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements made by the former treasurer and himself, and allowance for the past year, viz.:

1903.

Oct. 16.	By cash paid to Dr. Barkley and J. W. Pontius for expenses in attending the meeting of Board of Trustees.....	\$3.10
Nov. 4.	By cash paid to J. W. Pontius for interest, six months, on the Science Hall Building note of \$5,000.....	125.00
Nov. 26.	By cash paid to Rev. W. B. Duttera, for the use of the church at Salisbury, N. C., for the Potomac Synod.....	26 25

Nov.	26.	By cash paid to Rev. J. W. Pontius, for interest on note for one year, Washington Memorial church debt.....	28.86
Dec.	5.	By cash paid to Rev. J. M. Schick, for expenses to Salisbury, N. C.....	16.05
1904			
Feb.	6.	By cash paid to W. R. Barnhart, treasurer of General Synod, and Myers & Wirt for treasurer's bond.	325.00
Feb.	12.	By cash paid to Publication Board for printing minutes of the last meeting of Potomac Synod.....	204.75
Mar.	23.	By cash paid to Rev. Lewis Robb, for expenses of attending meeting of Board of Visitors, Lancaster.	5.50
Apr.	9.	By cash paid to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster.....	3.75
Apr.	20.	By cash paid to Rev. E. R. Deatrick, for clerk's bill and expenses, including his salary, etc.....	115.25
Apr.	27.	By cash paid to J. H. Webber, for interest due on the Brechbill legacy, to April 1, 1904.....	12.00
May	5.	By cash paid to Rev. John W. Pontius, for interest six months, on the promissory note of \$5,000, for Science Hall Building.....	125.00
May	10.	By cash paid to Revs. Dr. Eschbach and Lewis Robb, for attending the meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster.....	14.00
May	13.	By cash paid to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster.....	3.75
July	16.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, for Catawba College..	495.77
June	27.	By cash from Eliza A. Forney's promissory note, at 5 per cent.....	500.00
Sept.	1.	By cash paid to J. David Miller, for expenses of the Board of Education.....	16.47
Sept.	23.	By cash paid to C. M. Wolff, Esq., for entry fees in renewing Long's judgment, printing blanks for treasurer and postage for use of said treasurer....	8.45
Sept.	23.	By cash paid to Revs. J. W. Pontius and T. J. Barkley for attending meeting of Board of Trustees (expenses).....	6.50
Sept.	24.	By cash paid to J. B. Roth, treasurer of Seminary Aid Fund, in account of the said Theological Seminary.....	300.00
Oct.	17.	By cash paid to Revs. John W. Pontius and T. J. Barkley, expenses in attending meeting of Board of Trustees.....	3.60
Oct.	17.	By cash paid to Curtis A. Brillhart, for services as expert bookkeeper and auditor.....	16.65
Oct.	17.	By cash paid to John J. Nissley, treasurer of "Work among the Germans," for balance on former treasurer's books.....	72.40

Oct. 17.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, treasurer of Catawba College, N. C., for balance as shown on Mr. Forney's books.....	362.00
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to W. R. Barnhart, treasurer of General Synod, for balance as shown on Mr. Forney's books.....	160.20
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to John B. Roth, treasurer, Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	200.00
Oct. 17.	By cash paid to treasurer of the "Fellowship Fund," as shown by former treasurer's books.....	14.33
Oct. 20.	By cash paid to treasurer of the Bohemian Church of Chicago, as appears on Mr. Forney's books....	4.80
Oct. 21.	By cash paid for salary allowances to the former treasurer and present treasurer.....	100.00
Oct. 21.	Balance on hand at this date.....	275.11
All of which is respectfully submitted,		

C. M. WOLFF,
Treasurer Potomac Synod.

NOTE.—The payment to W. R. Barnhart, treasurer, of \$300, and a few others, is shown by checks properly endorsed, as the vouchers have been lost or mislaid and cannot be found among the former treasurer's papers.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to open accounts with the several Classes for the apportionments for Catawba College interest, and for the Science Building debt.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following as its report:

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, giving receipts and disbursements for the year, was audited and found correct.

The following amounts have been referred to us for apportionment:

Home Missions.....	\$12,450.00
Foreign Missions.....	7,240.00
Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	1,443.00
Work among Germans.....	930.00
The Harbor Mission.....	193.00

T heological Seminary.....	3,250.00
C ontingent.....	760.00
B eneficiary Education.....	2,500.00
C atawba College.....	800.00
W oman's College.....	800.00
I nterest and principal of Science Building debt..	1,250.00
C hurch Building.....	.6 cents per member.

The following arrearages are noted:

C ontingent Fund, General Synod—	
Mercersburg Classis.....	\$30.00
Carlisle Classis.....	14.66
Virginia Classis.....	35.00

C ontingent Fund, Potomac Synod—	
Carlisle Classis.....	14.99

T heological Seminary—	
Maryland Classis.....	77.86
Zion Classis.....	95.10
Mercersburg Classis.....	57.00
Carlisle Classis.....	43.28
Virginia Classis.....	97.00
North Carolina Classis.....	101.00

C atawba College—	
Gettysburg Classis.....	67.00
Zion Classis.....	109.14
Mercersburg Classis.....	10.48
Carlisle Classis.....	4.82
Virginia Classis.....	60.00

I nterest, Science Building and \$5,000 note—	
Maryland Classis.....	75.00
Juniata Classis.....	60.00
Zion Classis.....	45.00
Carlisle Classis.....	23.17

TABLE OF APPORTIONMENTS.

CLASSES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among the Germans.	Harbor Missions.	Theological Seminary.	Contingent.	Beneficiary Education.	Catawba College.	Woman's College.	Science Building and Interest.*	Total.
Maryland.....	\$3500	\$2000	\$332	\$260	\$40	\$648	\$100	\$570	\$183	\$193	\$285	\$8171
Gettysburg	1600	1100	212	155	31	246	105	480	133	138	240	4940
Juniata	2000	1130	220	155	31	480	115	480	133	138	240	5128
Zion's ..	1425	910	183	135	30	409	95	265	108	108	132	3800
Mercersburg	1300	700	170	105	24	249	85	265	73	73	133	3277
Carlisle.....	925	500	112	48	12	300	70	160	48	48	80	2303
Virginia	700	400	102	35	11	300	65	120	48	48	60	1889
N. Carolina	700	500	117	37	14	312	65	160	78	58	80	2121
	\$12450	\$7240	\$1448	\$930	\$193	\$3250	\$760	\$2500	\$804	\$804	\$1250	\$31629

* \$1000 on the debt yet owed by Synod.

* \$250 interest.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Board of Trustees respectfully offers the following report, to wit:

The Board held four meetings at Hanover, Pa., since the last annual meeting of Synod. The first was held on January 11, 1904. At this meeting the Board organized by electing the Rev. John W. Pontius, President, and the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, Vice-president and Secretary. The Treasurer of Synod is the Treasurer of the Board.

The President reported that he had received from the Treasurer of Synod, on November 3d. 1903, \$125, and November 10th, 1903, \$28.86—total \$153.86; that he paid on November 10th, 1903, \$125 interest on Science Building note of \$5,000, and \$7.21 for renewal of Washington Memorial Church note of \$577.43, leaving a balance in his hands of \$21.65.

The Treasurer reported that his bond for ten thousand dollars had been renewed in the Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore. The bond was approved, and placed in the custody of the President of the Board.

The second meeting was made necessary by the death of Treasurer George N. Forney, and was held on the 29th day of August, 1904. At this meeting Mr. Robert M. Wirt, representing the executrix of the estate of George N. Forney, and at her request, had taken charge of the property of the Board, passed over into the hands of the Board the books, papers, securities and money in bank which had been in the custody of the late Treasurer. The Board then, as authorized by the charter, elected Charles M. Wolff, Esq., of Hanover, Pa., to serve as Treasurer for the unexpired term of George N. Forney, and placed the aforesaid books, papers, securities and money in bank, in his custody, he giving his receipt to Robert M. Wirt for the same. The Treasurer was instructed to secure a transfer to himself of Mr. Forney's bond, and if that could not be done, to give a new bond for \$10,000.

At this meeting the Board adopted and ordered to be placed upon its record, a suitable minute touching the faithful, careful and conscientious management of the financial interests of the Board and of the Synod, by the late Treasurer.

The third meeting was held on the 23d day of September.

1904, the business claiming attention being the adjustment of the accounts of the late Treasurer.

In order to facilitate the work, two disinterested auditors—J. C. Tanger and Paul Winebrenner—were appointed to examine the accounts. These gentlemen subsequently reported that time for only a hasty examination had been at their command, and therefore a satisfactory statement could not be made.

The Board then instructed the Treasurer to employ an accountant, with instruction to present a detailed statement at the annual meeting in October.

The annual meeting was held on the 17th day of October, 1904. At this meeting the Board audited the Seminary endowment securities and found them in good condition.

There are in the hands of the Treasurer notes, bonds and mortgages amounting to thirty-three thousand, eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$33,008.13), at the same average rate of interest reported last year, namely, $4\frac{7}{8}\%$, and yielding the same income, namely sixteen hundred, eight dollars and forty-three cents (\$1,608.43).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, with accrued interest, amounts to nineteen hundred sixty-three dollars ninety-six cents (\$1,963.96).

The committee to audit the former Treasurer's accounts presented its report, the name of Curtis A. Brillhart having been substituted for that of Paul Winebrenner. The report was examined and approved, and ordered to be laid before Synod with the annual report.

The Board sends up the following requests for consideration and action:

(1). That Synod authorize and instruct the Board of Trustees to audit annually the Treasurer's accounts, and submit the report of such audit with the annual report to Synod.

(2). That the Board respectfully request Synod to have the charter amended by striking out the following clause in section 6: "But the same person may not be re-elected until after he shall have ceased to be a member of said Board or corporation for at least one year."

Mr. Robert M. Wirt, the representative of the estate of George M. Forney, the former Treasurer, having waived all claims against the Board, and the Board all claims against the said estate, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

That the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, after a full examination of the accounts of the former Treasurer, George N. Forney, hereby certify that the said accounts are satisfactory.

The Board submits the name of Charles M. Wolff, Esq., of Hanover, Pa., for election as Treasurer of Synod.

In compliance with the requirements of the charter, Synod at this meeting should elect a member to fill the unexpired term of three years of George N. Forney, deceased, from January 1st, 1905.

The term of office of the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley will expire December 31st, 1904, and his successor to serve for five years, from January 1st, 1905, should be elected at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President*.

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary*.

Gettysburg, Pa., October 22, 1904.

The Trustees were instructed to apply to the Maryland Legislature for the proposed change in the charter.

Elder J. D. Zehring and Rev. J. S. Hartman were duly elected members of the Board of Trustees, the former to serve for the term of five years, from January 1, 1905, and Mr. Hartman to fill the unexpired term of George N. Forney, deceased.

Members of the Board of Trustees and Terms of Service: Elder J. D. Zehring, January 1, 1910; Elder C. M. Wolff, January 1, 1909; Rev. J. S. Hartman, January 1, 1908; Elder J. H. Schriver, January 1, 1907; Rev. J. W. Pontius, January 1, 1906.

The attention of the Classes delinquent on the Washington Memorial Church was called to their delinquency, and they were requested to pay as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted.

Report of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church to the District Synods.

TO THE DISTRICT SYNODS:

Dear Brethren: With grateful hearts we report a year of steady growth in the work of the Sunday-School Board.

I. THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The most important fact of interest in this department was the issue, January 1, of a Hungarian-English Sunday-school Lesson Help, published monthly. This should be the beginning of a great work. Our Hungarian brethren are pleading for help to train their church members and young people to the idea of American Christianity. The Board has aided in the establishment of several Hungarian-English Sunday-schools, but the experience of other churches and the investigation of our Board indicates the necessity of a colportage plan. The colporteur among the immigrants is a missionary of patriotism: his presence, his words and his literature all tend to promote a better understanding of the American spirit and the development of the American type of character.

Since the principal work of this Board is among children—plastic citizens of to-morrow—it is evident that all its influences are calculated to promote a higher and finer type of national character. As the youth of to-day is moulded, the State and the Church of to-morrow will be. Real patriotism, therefore, is expressed by the Sunday-school Board's form of missionary endeavor, both in furnishing literature to our brethren who come from abroad and in aiding pastors and workers to establish new schools. It is a profound principle, accepted by all Christians, that the best way to make our nation great is to make its people good, so "For God and Native Land" may be truly inscribed upon the offerings of our schools, made to the Sunday-school and Missionary Departments.

A full report of the offerings and the work done will be made at the approaching meeting of the General Synod, but

in passing it is gratifying to note that the offerings from our schools in this important work are increasing, a larger number of schools giving to this cause year by year.

II. THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

The following is a report of the Business Department for the year ending March 31, 1904:

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.

Cash on hand	\$3,412 96	
Accounts receivable	12,824.22	
Mdse., Philadelphia	\$10,814.95	
Less 10 per cent	1,081.50	
	<hr/>	\$9,733.45
Stock of paper for periodicals	803.44	
Cash paid in advance on periodicals (2d quar.) ...	1,755.76	
Furniture and fixtures, total cost \$2,113.84 (charged off).		
Plates, engravings, etc.:		
Last year	\$814.51	
New plates	301.85	
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Less one-third for depreciation	372.12	
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		\$29,274.07

Liabilities.

Capital, April 1, 1903	\$22,139.32	
Periodicals paid for 2d, 3d and 4th quarter, 1904. not supplied.....	3,502.23	
Accounts payable	328.96	
Royalty due Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows on sale of Sunday-school Hymnals.	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$26,120.51
Net gain		\$3,153.56

The total sales of the Business Department for the year were \$64,028.96, a healthy gain in the volume of business over the preceding year.

The Board expresses its gratification over the fact that its schools and young people's societies are learning to purchase all the material they need from the Sunday-school Board.

As in other years, \$600.00 have been appropriated from the earnings of the Business Department to the work of the

Sunday-school missions. The balance was applied to the capital account in order to meet the growing necessities of the business.

Among the new publications just issued are **Standard Selections for Easter, Children's Day, Rally Day, Harvest Home and Christmas**, edited by the secretary, and a muslin **Wall Chart—Books of the Bible**—intended as a supplemental lesson help. A new song book for Sunday-schools and young people's societies, entitled "**Standard Songs**," is in press. This is published to meet the demands of those schools wishing a smaller and less expensive book than the Sunday-school Hymnal, and one that can be especially used for young people's meetings.

Perhaps the most important publication has been the issue of the first volume of the **Sunday-school Teacher Training Course**. This book is the joint production of the Presbyterian Church, North and South, the Cumberland Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, and Canadian Presbyterian, and our Reformed Church. Each section has been prepared by a specialist, and the denominational issue of Volume 2 of the Course will give important lessons relating to the history, benevolent and missionary work of our Reformed Church. The price of the book is 25 cents per copy.

It is the purpose of this Teacher Training Course to give fundamental Bible facts and to point out the fundamental laws and processes by which power and insight, as well as mere knowledge, may arise in the human mind, and to apply this pedagogic guidance to the teachers in the Sunday-school.

Improvement in our Sunday-schools waits on the teachers. Improvement of teachers waits on the pastor and the superintendent and upon the unceasing efforts of the Church at large. We, therefore, trust your reverend body will give due consideration to this subject, and, through the classes, recommend the establishment of a teacher-training class in every Sunday-school.

Another important feature of Sunday-school work which has had encouraging growth and emphasis in the last year is the **Beginners' Class**, with its special course of lessons, covering a period of two years. The Board has arranged to give "**Teaching Hints for Teachers of the Beginners' Course**" in

the columns of the Heidelberg Teacher. Appropriate picture cards for the little ones have been issued. The beginners—children from the age of three to six—should be placed in a separate class, with separate course of lessons, and, where possible, in a separate room, with their own opening and closing exercises. We trust Synod will call the attention of the classes to this method of nurture and instruction of the little ones.

We are glad to note an unusual interest in the organization of the Cradle Roll and of the Home Department of the Sunday-school. These features indicate that our churches, and those in authority, are appreciating increasingly the covenant idea of our holy religion, and the necessity, accordingly, of the educational methods which will link the parents and the teacher together in moulding, guiding and inspiring the children and youth of the Church.

Praying the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon your deliberations, and asking a continuance of the hearty co-operation of the Synod and classes in the better utilization of the splendid possibilities of the Sunday-school as the teaching department of the Church, this report is respectfully submitted.

C. CLEVER, *President*.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary*.

October 1, 1904.

Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools begs leave to submit the following report:

This committee has received and considered the report of Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church and the statistics of the Classes of Potomac Synod.

The report of the Sunday-school Board is encouraging and noteworthy in its indications of progress. The Board is to be specially commended for its publication of the Hungarian-English Sunday-school Lesson Help and Sunday-school Teacher Training Course. It is gratifying to know that the publications of the Board are gaining an ever-increasing circulation in the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church, as well as in those of other denominations.

It is to be regretted that the classical Sunday-school reports are for the most part so incomplete. Some important information is not given in full, especially regarding the baptized and communicant membership of the Sunday-school. These statistics have been unreliable for some years, so that it is impossible to make deductions from them.

There appears to be a decrease in the total number of schools, scholars and receipts.

Were the reports accurate and complete, this would hardly prove to be the case, for such a backward movement is inconceivable in this day of increasing knowledge of Sunday-school work and interest in it. During the past few years, a more intelligent interest has been shown in this work as a necessary department of religious activity than ever before. Better helps are being published; more appliances are being perfected; and more departments of work have been developed.

At the same time it is true that religion is not receiving proper attention in the home, and the fact needs to be emphasized that superintendents and teachers are only assistants to parents in the great work of Christian nurture. In this connection, the Cradle Roll is of value in holding before the parents the relation that the youngest child bears to the kingdom of God. The Home Department should also be promoted because it brings the definite instruction of the Sunday-school into the home, for the benefit of the shut-ins and stay-at-homes.

In the evolution of the Sunday-school, it is becoming more of a school. The present interest and activity shown in the proper instruction of the children is an indication of progress in this direction.

In view of the above conditions, be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge the leading of God in the Sunday-school operations of our Synod, and express our profound thanks to the great Shepherd of the Church for his goodness and guidance and pray for his continuous help.

Resolved. That the Synod urge the following items upon the attention of the respective Classes:

1. That pastors and consistories carefully consider the needs of the Sunday-school, especially the business end of it; and that they make it their special duty to present full and

complete statistical reports in order that the progress and condition of the Sunday-schools may be thoroughly known by the Synod.

2. That the Cradle Roll be recommended as a link to unite the youngest child with the Sunday-school, and as of special importance in home missionary work.

3. That the use of the Beginner's Course be urged, as a forward step in the application of pedagogical principles to the instruction of the Sunday-school.

4. That the value of the Home Department be emphasized as an aid in the development of home Bible study, and that pastors and superintendents be advised to organize this department in their Sunday-schools.

5. That the Teacher Training Course be recommended for the instruction of those who are to care for the spiritual education of the children, and that the pastor be responsible for this instruction.

Signed,

ROBERT J. PILGRAM.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	CLASSES.								Totals.
	Zion's.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	Maryland.	Mercersburg.	Gettysburg.	Juniata.	Carlisle.	
Sunday-schools	33	28	46	59	17	29	41	20	273
Officers and Teachers	590	313	367	1,132	296	444	613	323	3,078
Scholars	6,016	1,930	3,809	6,726	1,996	3,416	4,498	2,168	30,559
Home Department	100	.....	146	481	.....	.....	135	172	1,034
Total Membership	6,706	2,243	4,063	8,339	2,292	3,860	5,246	2,663	35,671
Average Attendance	3,537	1,311	1,310	3,527	747	1,583	2,823	1,532	16,370
Ref'd Mem. in Union S. S.	1,260	60	.....	818	248	204	137	.....	2,727
Church Mem. in S. S.	622	530	828	2,351	606	847	1,709	1,276	8,769
Baptized Scholars	503	493	319	2,432	530	1,108	2,218	805	8,408
Scholars Confirmed	200	57	112	291	97	183	187	77	1,204
Volumes in Libraries	4,423	1,825	571	9,273	2,842	2,885	2,768	1,313	25,900
Paid to Gen. S. S. Board	\$40 00	\$51 00	\$64 00	\$172 45	\$36 00	\$130 00	\$108 00	\$77 00	\$678 00
Paid to Other Boards	276 00	107 00	104 00	1847 34	383 00	674 00	554 00	351 00	4296 00
Paid to Other Objects	204 00	367 00	137 00	787 09	125 00	350 00	645 00	224 00	2839 00
Sunday-school Support	1777 00	736 00	865 00	4402 22	1169 00	1160 00	2041 00	1279 00	13429 00
Total Disbursements	\$2297 00	\$1261 00	\$1170 00	\$7209 10	\$1713 00	\$2314 00	\$3348 00	\$1931 00	\$21243 00

The statistics of the Classes of Zion, Virginia, North Carolina and Gettysburg are incomplete. — Chairman of Committee.

Rev. Frank L. Kerr was duly elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for a period of five years.

Members of Sunday-school Board, and date of expiration of term of service: Revs. Frank L. Kerr, 1909; P. A. DeLong, 1908; W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; C. A. Santee, 1906; H. H. Apple, 1905.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The ratio of representation adopted by the Synod at the last annual meeting, and sent down to the Classes for their concurrence or non-concurrence, was concurred in by the constitutional number of the Classes, as seen from item 8 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, and was duly declared adopted by the President of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 19, of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$204.75.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

Report of Board of Publication.

TO THE EASTERN, PITTSBURGH AND POTOMAC SYNODS:

Dear Brethren: Your Board of Publication hereby submits to your reverend bodies its annual report for your consideration. According to its established rule, the Board held two regular meetings during the year, the one on the first Wednesday in March and the other on the first Wednesday in Sep-

tember. The business and condition of the institution which your Board represents will appear in the financial statement herewith submitted. It will be noticed that this statement presents the condition of the business at the close of the year on June 30, 1904.

In regard to the losses and gains as they appear in the statement the manager says: "We have earned in the book department almost \$300 less than last year, though there has been steady growth in the regular run of business. Last year's profits were exceptional, because of the unusual sale of the Expositor's Bible, netting us from \$700 to \$800 clear profit. The 'Messenger's' loss is nearly \$400 less than last year." We are glad to be able again to report that the business in the book department is in a prosperous condition and that the future is promising, for the reason especially that after November 1st, this year, your Board will publish the Hymnal and Directory, which will enable the management to gain more profit from the sale of these books. Though the making of new plates for the Hymnal and the getting out of the books will involve the Board in considerable expense for the present, it is, however, expected that the profits on the sale of the works will, during the next few years, reimburse the Board for the present outlay. We ask for the continued and increased patronage of the book department by the ministers and people of the synods. In regard to the "Messenger," it affords us pleasure to report less loss in its publication. Nevertheless, the deficit is still too large. It ought to be gradually and rapidly reduced until the paper has become self-sustaining. The cause for the loss in this department, as can easily be understood, lies in the low price, \$1.25 per year, at which the "Messenger" is furnished to its subscribers. The character of the Church paper dare not be lowered, and therefore the remedy for this abnormal condition must be found in a largely increased circulation. The subscription list has been growing, but it is not yet nearly as large as it ought to be. At the low price for which the paper is furnished the management cannot afford to pay commission to agents for securing new subscribers. We, therefore, request the synods to lay upon the minds and hearts of pastors the necessity of interesting themselves in the increased circulation of the "Messenger" among their people. The Board, by resolution passed

at its meeting of March 9, 1904, overtures the synods "to set apart the last Sunday in January annually as Church Literature Day, with special reference to the circulation of the 'Messenger.'" You will notice by the financial statement that the offerings received on last Messenger Day amounted to \$107.52; it is to be hoped that these offerings will increase from year to year.

The "Review" was again published at a loss. This ought not to be. It ought to be made to pay for itself. As Dr. William Rupp, the leading editor, had died, it was necessary that new arrangements be made for editing this publication. The Board accordingly took the following action:

"Resolved, That Prof. George W. Richards, D. D., be appointed editor-in-chief of the Reformed "Church Review," with instructions to select such associate editors as in his judgment may seem advisable, said associate editors to be chosen with the view of having the institutions and Church in general represented."

The purpose of this action is to popularize the "Review" and to gain for it a larger circle of interested readers and supporters. We request that each synod, this year, ascertain how many of its members are subscribers to the "Review" and how many are not, and report the result to the Publication Board.

At the meeting of the Board in March last Mr. Francis E. Heller, constrained by increasing ill health, tendered his resignation as business manager of the Board, said resignation to take effect not later than the first of September. His resignation was "reluctantly accepted," and a committee was appointed to secure a suitable successor. Up to date no manager has been chosen, but temporary arrangements have been made for the conduct of the business until a permanent manager has been secured. The last report of the retiring manager submitted to the Board contains the following statement:

"My greatest pleasure in retiring from the management of your business lies in the fact that, as a result of almost five years spent in your service, I am able to leave you with an annual book trade more than trebled, and showing many customers and friends added, and with the promise of still greater increase, and a subscription list to the 'Messenger' numbering almost seven thousand more paid-in-advance subscriptions

than I found when I came. During the last six months we have printed and circulated 262,866 copies of the "Messenger"; multiply this by 24, the regular number of pages, and you have 6,309,264 pages of religious and denominational news distributed. The rendering of such service is delightful. * * * The freedom from all complications enjoyed to-day in our present comfortable quarters, the being independent of the Religious Press Association and certain one-time printers for the Publication Board, the systematized office departments, and many other present good things, all have cost their price and can best be appreciated by those who helped to pay for them."

The accounts of the manager were duly audited at the close of the year, and he was instructed to prepare the accompanying statement, to which reference has already been made. In regard to this statement the manager says: "It has been the earnest desire of the retiring manager to submit to you, at this time, and to hand over to the incoming manager a thoroughly clean balance sheet, one of which no item needs to be discounted." In carrying out this purpose some items heretofore included in the account of resources have been dropped and others reduced. This accounts for the fact that the net capital reported this year is \$3,704 less than last. The capital as given this year is \$20,692.05, and the net gain at the close of the year was \$844.61. We believe that the statement submitted is a safe and reliable representation of your publication plant.

STATEMENT.

The following is the statement of the entire business of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church, as shown by the combined reports of Jas. T. Reber, treasurer, and Francis E. Heller, business manager, for the year ending June 30, 1904:

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Cash.....	\$2,285.82
Cash invested bonds and mortgages.....	5,000.00
Accounts receivable Book Department.....	3,033.92
Accounts receivable advertising.....	456.03
Merchandise Book Department.....	8,021.67
Merchandise "Messenger".....	397.54
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,247.07
Rent paid in advance.....	250.00
	<hr/> \$20,692.05

LIABILITIES.

None.....	
Net capital, June 30, 1904.....	\$20,692.05

LOSSES AND GAINS.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$8,021.67
Credits for year.....	22,799.80
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	\$30,821.47
Inventory July 1, 1903.....	\$9,581.80
Debits for year.....	19,090.19
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	\$28,671.99

Interest on investments.....	
Royalty from Sunday-school Board.....	

MESSENGER.

Inventory July 1, 1903.....	\$540.34
Debits for year.....	22,339.25
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	\$22,879.59
Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$397.54
Credits for year.....	20,503.02
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	\$20,900.56

\$1,979.03

REVIEW.

Debits.....	\$1,101.21
Credits.....	1,058.00
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\$43.21

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory July 1, 1903.....	\$1,422.15
Debits.....	117.77
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	\$1,539.92
Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$1,247.07
Credits.....	200.62
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	\$1,447.69

\$92.23

Expenses of Board meetings and committees and printing of reports.....	110.40
Net gain.....	844.61

\$3,069.48

Respectfully submitted,
W. RUSH GILLAN, President.

A. E. TRUXAL, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented during the session of Saturday afternoon. It was and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Board of Publication would report that we have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication, and from it learn that the publication interests of Synod are in a healthy and prosperous condition. We offer the following for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That we commend the careful and efficient management of the Board and its business manager.

2. *Resolved*, That we urge upon pastors and people a continued and fuller patronage of the Book Store for the support of this department of the Board's work, which will at the same time promote our own advantage.

3. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend the "Messenger" as a paper adapted to the development of individual character; to the promotion of the educational, missionary and other necessary enterprises of the Church, and that therefore we urge upon our Classes, and through them upon our pastors and consistories, the importance of largely increasing its circulation.

4. *Resolved*, That our Classes be directed to ascertain the number of subscribers to the "Messenger" and "The Quarterly Review," in circulation in our several pastoral charges.

5. *Resolved*, That the last Sunday of January in each year be "Church Literature Day," with special reference to the circulation of the "Messenger."

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Board of Publication and dates of expiration of the terms of service.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, 1907; W. Rush Gillan, 1906.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election

was made the order of the day for 2.00 o'clock on Monday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held. Elders E. Cornman, E. S. Everhart, M. W. Bahn, and W. S. Kefauver acted as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report as follows:

The only documents placed in the hands of your Committee were the reports of Brother W. F. More, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, and of Brother D. H. Leader, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and the forty-first annual report of Bethany Orphan Home.

An examination of these documents reveals conditions in these institutions during the past year, and, at the present time, that are highly satisfactory and gratifying. The financial support of Bethany Orphan Home was sufficient for all the needs of the year, and we are glad to report that the annual deficit of recent years has been overcome, for the present, at least, with a small surplus on hand for the ensuing year. St. Paul's Orphan Home also reports a very liberal support during the year, the total contributions amounting to almost \$20,000, enabling the Board to meet all current expenses, make necessary repairs and improvements, and to pay about one-half of the indebtedness.

Bethany Orphan Home reports an enrollment of 129 for the past year, and 10 recent admissions, making a total of 139, of which number 13 boys and 8 girls are from within the bounds of this Synod. The number enrolled at St. Paul's Orphan Home during the past year was 105, the present number being 64: of these 17 are from within the bounds of this Synod.

During the year there has been a change in the Superintendency of each of the Homes, Brother T. M. Yundt, of Bethany, and Brother P. C. Prugh having tendered their resignations. The same were reluctantly accepted, and the vacancies thus made were filled by the appointment of Brother W. F. More to the Superintendency of Bethany Orphan Home, and Brother D. H. Leader to the Superintendency of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Thus the work has been greatly blessed, is now in a prosperous condition, and presents an outlook that is cheering and encouraging. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our gratitude to our heavenly Father for his abundant mercies manifested toward these institutions during the past year, by which all their necessities have been met and many comforts provided. In a marvelous way God has been in the midst of this ministry of our Church to the needy and the destitute.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge the efficient services of Brother Yundt as Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, and Brother Prugh as Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and that we regretfully note their resignations from these offices, and invoke the Lord's blessing upon their further labors in the Master's service.

Resolved, That we commend the excellent spirit and energy which Brother More and Brother Leader have already displayed in their care of the Homes, and that we assure these brethren of our cheerful support and co-operation in their labors of love and peace.

Resolved, That we commend these institutions to the continued support, fostering love and care of the Church, through the Classes.

Resolved, That liberal Christmas offerings be made and devoted to Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WALTMAN, *Chairman*.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The following statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was presented to Synod by the Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller. It was referred to a committee, Revs. A. P. Frantz, H. W. Wissler, and Elder G. W. Hoffman.

They presented their report on Monday. It was received, read and adopted, and is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren: As treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present for information the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending September 30th, 1904:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis.....	\$245.49
Juniata Classis.....	84.12
Gettysburg Classis.....	77.54
Zion's Classis.....	63.25
Carlisle Classis.....	43.27
Mercersburg Classis.....	20.00
North Carolina Classis.....	10.73
Total.....	\$544.40

EXPENDITURES.

Virginia Classis, two annuitants.....	\$125.00
Carlisle Classis, one annuitant.....	100.00
Juniata Classis, one annuitant.....	50.00
Gettysburg Classis, one annuitant.....	50.00
Maryland Classis, one annuitant.....	50.00
Total.....	\$375.00

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations of the same for the year ending September 30th, 1904:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury October 1, 1903.....	\$4,064.70
Cash from loans paid.....	13,420.00
Cash from Joshua Brunner estate.....	4,171.73
Cash from interest on investments.....	2,947.72
Cash from collections in the churches.....	2,715.53
Cash from individual gifts.....	161.50
Cash from royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal.....	150.00
Cash from Pittsburgh Synod (special).....	300.00
Total.....	\$27,931.18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for re-investment.....	\$13,420.00
Paid for new investment—	
Joshua Brunner bequest.....	\$4,171.73
Life memberships.....	2,210.00
Cash.....	348.27
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	\$6,730.00
Paid to sixty-one annuitants.....	4,002.22
Paid for treasurer's salary and bond.....	610.00
Paid for traveling expenses of treasurer.....	100.49
Paid for stationery and postage.....	19.86
Paid for Executive Board.....	2.76
Cash in treasury September 30th, 1904.....	3,045.85
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Total.....	\$27,931.18

ASSETS.

Invested fund.....	\$65,825.00
Cash in treasury.....	3,045.85
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	\$68,870.85

The following ministers have become life-members during the year:

Revs. J. G. Kerschner, Frederick Maurer, Wenzel Walenta, John Bachman, D. D., Frederick Schaad, A. E. Schade, Ph. D., Mabry L. Herbein, Daniel E. Schaeffer, Casper Brunner, Charles A. Bushong, Aaron M. Gluck, Preston A. DeLong, John D. Hicks, Albert F. Nace, Charles B. Rebert, Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Nathan C. Schaeffer, D. D., James N. Bachman, Hugo Eickelberg, George F. Mull, Richard C. Schiedt, Ph. D., Gustavus Dolch, D. D., John Knierim, Edward S. Bromer, Franklin H. Ruloff, John E. Terborg, William H. Shults, Oliver P. Foust, Henry Nau, Tilghman R. Deitz, R. Franklin Main, James Heffley, Wm. E. Hoy, and Charles S. Wieand.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Assessor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Assessor, Jefferson, Md.

Attention is called to the noble cause the Society represents.

in the hope that your reverend body will continue to make provision for the needy ministers and the widows of ministers by directing the Classes to give opportunity to the several congregations to contribute to this benevolent work.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer and Solicitor.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Fathers and Brethren: Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, begs leave to report the following:

It is with great pleasure that the Synod learns of the steady growth of this Society, and the liberal support given, and of the good which, under the blessing of our heavenly Father, it is accomplishing.

Resolved, That this Synod commends this worthy cause to the prayers and liberality of the members of the Church within the bounds of the Synod, and urges the Classes to ask the pastors to present the cause to the people at least once a year for liberal offerings for the needy ministers and their widows.

A. P. FRANTZ.

Deaconess' Home.

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home presented their annual report. It was read and then referred to a special committee, Revs. J. M. Schick, D. D., C. A. Santee, and Elder J. Gassman. Subsequently they presented their report. It was received, read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Board.

YORK, PA., OCTOBER 20TH, 1904.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: In presenting this annual report to your body, the Managers of the Deaconess Home are deeply conscious of the fact that they have not measured up to your expectations nor complied with the recommendation of Synod. This is not due in any sense to a lack of interest or desire to comply with your wishes on the part of the Board, but to circumstances over which we had no control.

Your recommendations met with the hearty approval of the

Board, and plans were laid by which they might be carried out. We outlined methods for the inauguration of the work. A printed letter stating the purposes of the Board was sent to each minister of Synod giving such information and requesting co-operation. But few replies were received to this circular. Nevertheless the Board had applications from a number of persons who desired to enter upon the Deaconess work; had found a Deaconess competent and willing to assume the position of Mother Deaconess; and had assurance of considerable local financial aid for the purchase or erection of a building. At this juncture there began to appear among some Reformed people of York and vicinity a prejudice against the movement. This prejudice grew out of an antagonism to certain work for the extension of the Reformed Church in York in which several pastors and consistories had engaged, some of whom were members of this Board, in establishing Sunday-schools and afterward congregations in East York and West York. This then developed into opposition to any and all work in which these persons were concerned. It was plainly seen in an action of the Classis of Zion at the annual meeting last May refusing both moral and financial support to the proposed Deaconess work. It then became evident to the members of the Board that, under these existing conditions, the interests of such an institution, should it be established in York, would be greatly endangered, at least under the present management.

At a conference of ministers and consistories who were in deep sympathy with the work, the matter was fully discussed and action taken in a resolution submitted to this Board, "that in their judgment the present conditions were unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home in York."

We regret exceedingly that this must be the nature of our report, but assure Synod of our unabated interest in and pledge our continued support to the Deaconess work as you may see fit to carry it on.

In order that Synod may be unhampered in their action, we hereby tender to you our resignations to take effect immediately, in which all the members of the Board concur.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE, *President*,
E. BRUCE LYTTLE, *Secretary*.

The members of the Board are Rev. Henry H. Apple, Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle, Rev. Fred. C. Seitz, Rev. H. M. J. Klein, Elder Israel Laucks, Elder W. A. Dromgold, Elder P. C. Wiest.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home presents the peculiarly sad condition, in which an institution of Synod has been seriously hindered by the local opposition of Zion's Classis, in consequence of which the Board reports "That, in their judgment, the present conditions were unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home in York."

The Board also resigns as a body, as they say, to leave Synod unhampered.

This state of affairs threatens the very existence of the institution towards which the Synod has been looking with prayerful solicitude, and which was hoped would prove a helpful means for furthering the work of the Lord within the bounds of the Synod.

Your committee believes that the work should not end. Neither should the interest of the Church in this work be permitted to wane; and if the Home cannot be successfully established under synodical oversight at York, then some other place sought where it could be done, wherefore it presents for adoption the following:

Resolved, That this Synod declines to accept the resignation of the Board.

Resolved, That the Board is instructed to continue its efforts to foster the interests of the churches in the Deaconess Home movement, and to look for a location within the bounds of this Synod where the establishment of a home would be welcomed and supported.

Resolved, That the Board be empowered to fill vacancies occurring in its membership.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK.

At the election for the members of the Boards of Synod Elder E. G. Shower was elected for three years.

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home. Revs. E. R. Deatricks,* 1908; H. H. Apple, 1907; H. M. J.

* Appointed to fill vacancy.

Klein, 1906; E. B. Lyttle, 1905; Elders E. G. Shower, 1907; P. C. Wiest, 1906; I. Laucks, 1905.

Report of Special Committee on Item 13 Overtures.

The special Committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. J. S. Kieffer, E. R. Eschbach, and Elder J. H. Schriver, to whom the overture from certain pastors and congregations of Zion's Classis, calling attention to the action of Zion's Classis, presented the report on Monday evening. The Report was received, read, and then adopted item by item. It is as follows:

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Dear Brethren: At a conference of ministers and consistories from the following charges of the Classis of Zion, viz.: Trinity, Grace, Memorial, Emanuel, St. Stephen's of York, and Shrewsbury and Glen Rock, it was decided to call the attention of your reverend body to the arbitrary and unwarranted action of the Classis of Zion concerning important matters as follows:

1st. Classis refused to accept the apportionment for Home Missions sent down from Synod.

2d. Classis refused financial and moral support of the Deaconess work authorized by Synod on the ground that it was Synod's work and not the work of Classis.

3d. Classis refused to accept the recommendations of Synod in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger," and disclaimed interest in and support of the church paper.

4th. Classis took unwarranted action against the motives and work of the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed churches in York in establishing Sunday-schools under their care in East York and West York.

5th. Classis falsely accused the Home Mission Board of exceeding its authority in commissioning a missionary to take charge of these interests after they had been organized into congregations and constituted a charge by the action of the Classis itself, and further published these arbitrary proceedings in the secular and church papers, and thus retarded the development and progress of the general church work in York.

In view of these actions of Classis, the following resolutions were adopted at the conference above mentioned:

Resolved 1st, That we accept our share of the apportionment

for Home Missions as sent down by Synod, and pledge our continued support to the Home Mission Board in all its legitimate work.

Resolved 2d, That while we are in hearty sympathy with the Deaconess work, we deem the existing conditions unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home in York.

Resolved 3d, That we heartily indorse the request of Synod in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger," and will use our best efforts to increase its circulation.

Resolved 4th, That the Sunday-schools in East York and West York were started by the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed churches in a legitimate manner, their deepest motive being the extension of the Reformed Church in this community.

Resolved 5th, That we have been aggrieved by the actions of Classis, and feel that we are hampered and restricted in our work, and therefore request Synod to take these matters under consideration with a view to affording us relief.

Respectfully submitted,

ISRAEL LAUCKS, *President*,

ROBERT LEE BAIR, *Secretary*,

Of the Conference of Ministers and Consistories.

Report of Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial from certain ministers and consistories within the bounds of Zion's Classis, would respectfully report as follows:

In the communication in question the ministers and consistories referred to complain of the action of Zion's Classis, in refusing to accept the apportionment for Home Missions sent down to it by this Synod; in refusing financial and moral support to the Deaconess work authorized by the Synod; in refusing to accept the recommendations of Synod in regard to the "Reformed Church Messenger;" in misjudging the motives and opposing the action of the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed churches in York in establishing Sunday-schools under their care in East York and West York; and, finally, in accusing the Home Mission Board of exceeding its authority in commissioning a missionary to take charge of these interests after they had been organized into congregations and constituted a charge by the actions of the

Classis itself; and in publishing these arbitrary proceedings in the secular and church papers.

In the same memorial the Synod is assured by the ministers and consistories composing the Conference from which it has come, that they, on their part, accept their share of the apportionment for Home Missions as sent down by Synod; express their sympathy with the Deaconess work, though judging the conditions unfavorable for the establishment of a Deaconess Home at York; pledge their support to the "Reformed Church Messenger;" and affirm that the Sunday-schools in East and West York were established in a legitimate manner and with the sole motive of extending the Reformed Church in that community.

In view of these facts and statements, the following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod recognizes and expresses its grateful appreciation of the fidelity and loyalty of these ministers and consistories within the bounds of Zion's Classis, by whom this memorial has been presented to it.

2. That this Synod regards with great anxiety and concern the situation of affairs with regard to its work within the bounds of Zion's Classis; a situation which, unless altered, threatens to oppose serious hindrance to, and inflict great injury upon that work.

3. That, in the judgment of this Synod, it is arbitrary and unwarranted action upon the part of any Classis within its bounds to refuse to make arrangements and provisions for the presentation to its congregations, for their voluntary contributions, of the various missionary and other benevolent causes for which the offerings of the people are solicited; or to refuse to accept apportionments made by the Synod, without any protest at the time from the representatives of that Classis.

4. That the Zion's Classis is hereby reminded that, by the actions complained of, it is doing a serious and hurtful wrong to this Synod and to the work in which we are all of us together engaged; and that this Synod earnestly and affectionately urges the said Classis to reconsider and reverse its course of action in reference to the matters in question; to accept, in full if possible, all apportionments sent down by the Synod; and to make earnest efforts to secure the payment

of the same; and, in general, to co-operate with the other Classes composing the Synod of the Potomac in carrying forward the great and important work in which the Synod is engaged.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER,
JACOB H. SCHRIVER, E. R. ESCHBACH.

The members of the committee were constituted a new committee to meet with Zion's Classis, and present in person the above resolutions.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod presented its report, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Necrology.

TO THE REVEREND SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to report as follows, to wit:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod but one of our number has been called from our ranks to join the great assembly in the perfect life of the other world,

THE REV. SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, D. D.

The Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., was born April 16th, 1820, in Harrisburg, Pa., and died at Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 5th, 1904, in the 84th year of his age. His parents were Norman and Elizabeth D. Callender. The family having removed to Meadville, Pa., he entered the Academy at that place, and afterward Allegheny College, from which he graduated in 1841. At Meadville he, by profession of faith in Christ, became a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his parents had transferred their membership at an earlier date, because the services in the Reformed Church at that time were all in the German language.

Soon after his graduation he accepted a clerkship in the Prothonotary's office in Harrisburg, Pa., while filling which position he felt it to be his duty to become a minister of the gospel. With this purpose in view he entered the Theological

Seminary of the Reformed Church then located at Mercersburg, Pa., where he was under the instruction of Dr. John W. Nevin, and completed the prescribed course of study in 1845.

He was licensed to preach the gospel by Lebanon Classis at its meeting in Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Pa., in the year, 1845. Having received a call to the pastorate of the Funkstown charge in Maryland, he was ordained by a committee of Maryland Classis, in January, 1846, consisting of the Revs. Daniel Zacharias, D. D., Isaac Gerhard and W. F. Colliflower, in the Reformed Church at Funkstown, Md. He served this charge for five years, and at the same time the Clearspring charge as stated supply. On the 16th of October, 1848, and while pastor of the Funkstown charge, Dr. Callender was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Jane Harbine, of Clearspring, Md. With her he lived in happy wedlock until December 5th, 1895, when she was taken from his side to her reward in the other world.

His second charge, consisting of three congregations, was Jefferson, Md., the service of which required the crossing of the mountain every Sunday. His health had been enfeebled by an attack of bronchitis while he was pastor at Funkstown, and the severe service of this charge, with its necessary exposure, brought on another attack, and he was compelled to resign at the expiration of eighteen months.

In 1852 Dr. Callender received and accepted a call to the church in Chambersburg, Pa. His continued ill health, and other causes, contrained him to resign the pastorate of this congregation at the end of five years and retire, for a time, from the active work of the ministry. The interval between this time and his re-assumption of active ministerial work was given to secular work in Meadville, Pa.

In 1866 he resumed active work and became pastor of the Greencastle charge. Four years' service here brought on another acute attack of bronchitis, which necessitated his retirement a second time.

In order that he might have the benefit of a milder climate, Dr. Callender removed to the vicinity of Mt. Crawford, Va., in 1870, and became stated supply to two congregations belonging to the charge of the Rev. J. C. Hensel. Preaching once each Sunday, this relation finally developed into a settled pastorate extending over a period of twenty years.

In October, 1890, the Board of Foreign Missions elected Dr.

Callender as its secretary. He entered upon the duties of this office with great earnestness and zeal. He did much heroic work, and was a strong force in upholding and advancing the call to the church to carry the gospel into heathen lands. But the growing infirmities of age rendering him unable to attend to the duties of the position, he resigned in January, 1902, and up to the time of his death lived in peaceful retirement at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Dr. Callender was a trusted servant of the church. His name appears in the charter of this Synod as one of its incorporators. He was elected by this Synod as a member of the Peace Commission, and was chosen as its secretary. General Synod elected him a member of the Liturgical Committee which prepared the Directory of Worship. He was chosen chairman of one of the committees to revise the constitution of the church. Allegheny College, his Alma Mater, honored him with the degree of A. M., and in 1872, Mercersburg College conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. D.

Appropriate funeral services were held in the Reformed church in Mechanicsburg, Pa., on Monday, May the 9th. A number of ministers of the Reformed Church were present and took part in the services. The local clergy of the town attended in a body, and were represented in the service by the Rev. T. C. McCarrell of the Presbyterian church. The body was then conveyed by train to Meadville, Pa., where on Tuesday afternoon, May the 10th, it was consigned to its rest in the grave.

Thus ended the earthly life of a great and good man; and as a closing tribute to his memory your committee can do no better than to quote from the "Messenger" of May 19th:

"In Dr. Callender death found a shining mark and a ripe shock of corn. He had served his day and generation, according to the will of God, and he was ready for the summons to the eternal home. As a faithful pastor, a wise teacher, a safe guide, and a hard worker, we love to think of him. The story of his life can not be told in a brief report. His work abides. The good never dies. What we do for others will continue to exert its influence unto the end of time. There is an imperishable luster to the crown of life which the Lord has promised to his faithful servants. Through the shadow of death we pass into the glorious light of immortality. Rest, sweet rest, is the portion of God's elect who have borne the heat

of the day, and like a tired child, they can lie down to enjoy the sleep of the just."

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,

G. W. SHELLENBERGER, JACOB H. SCHRIVER.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and are herewith extended to the pastor, members of this congregation and members of other congregations for their kind and hospitable entertainment. Also to Prof. Beckhoeffter and his choir for the music furnished.

That this be read by the pastor at the next regular service, and a copy be given to the other city pastors.

That \$25 be given the treasurer of the Consistory.

That the H. & B. T. R. R. be thanked for their kindness in granting card orders over their road.

The Synod having transacted the business for which it had assembled, the Synodic roll was called, and those found absent without excuse were excused. The journal of Monday evening's session was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, viz.:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Ascension Reformed Church, Newport, Perry county, Pa., on Wednesday, evening, October 18 A. D., 1905, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening October 31, 1904, at 10.30 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

J. W. PONTIUS, *President*,

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

An official copy from the original minutes.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

1. ZION'S CLASSIS, 1904. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday schools.			Contributions.		Minutes Wanted					
			Communicants.	Confirmed.	Transferred.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certs of Transfer.	Discharged.	Resigned.	Number of Various.	Deaths (Confirmed).	Deaths (Unconfirmed).	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Stipend - for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Aaron Spangler	311 W Market St., York.	Trinity	174	126	70	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	72	272	0	44	0	19	
Anton H. Lee	West, York Co., York.	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Francis H. Lee	123 N. Beaver St York.	Heidelberg, York	613	430	250	18	4	35	25	14	0	0	0	0	45	310	0	304	0	12	12	
George S. Sauter	711 W. King St., York.	Bethany, York.	155	107	98	16	1	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	22	284	0	71	0	10	10	
George Stalla Ph. D.	419 W. Phila. St., York.	Zion's, York.	460	328	220	25	1	14	14	15	0	0	0	0	31	364	0	42	0	17	17	
John J. Staudler	746 Poplar St., York.	Dalhartown	202	251	210	30	5	30	7	4	0	0	0	0	21	210	0	124	0	17	17	
Oliver F. Schellhammer.	421 W. Phila St., York.	Paradise	1015	969	670	81	11	40	6	10	0	0	0	0	4	940	0	620	0	40	40	
R. E. Butz, M. D.	100 E. Market St., York.	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Henry H. Appel	119 S. Duke St., York.	Trinity, York	619	421	235	14	0	14	17	17	0	0	0	0	37	313	0	400	0	15	15	
Charles F. Kehl	Hillsburg, York Co., York.	Hillsburg	239	143	120	0	6	16	1	2	0	0	0	0	20	320	0	60	0	19	19	
Wm. A. Korn, Ph. D	Hellam, York Co., York.	Krutz Creek	350	250	112	10	1	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	40	472	0	1067	0	23	23	
Elmin J. Hitegas	Shrewsbury, York Co., York.	Shrewsbury	391	280	200	20	1	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	44	291	0	319	0	22	22	
H. M. J. Klein	223 N. Hartley St., York.	Grace, York	340	240	103	10	2	13	12	3	0	0	0	0	41	345	0	869	0	9	9	
E. Bruce Lytle.	114 E. Phila. St., York.	Memorial, York	190	24	103	14	2	13	12	3	0	0	0	0	30	334	0	164	0	10	10	
Isabel S. Lohr	Glen Rock, York Co., York.	Glen Rock	400	282	207	21	0	30	1	1	0	0	0	0	30	181	0	324	0	20	20	
J. Kern McKee	Red Lion, York Co., York.	St. John's	121	110	91	4	0	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	23	270	0	100	0	8	8	
Robert L. Blair.	32 W. Market St., York.	St Stephen-Emanuel	101	60	50	2	2	14	23	0	0	0	0	0	23	303	0	90	0	10	10	
Charles H. Heintz	321 W. King St., York.	Without Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Arthur C. Ott	Hellam, York Co., York.	Quick's	150	50	20	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	43	0	17	0	2	2	
W. A. Korn, Ph D, Sup.	Red Lion, York Co., York.	Locust Grove	18	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	51	0	0	0
J. K. McKee, Supply		Lebanon	15	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			3617	4474	3134	297	41	315	207	114	0	57	92	61	672	2001	1,104	23	2573	64	267	267

2. MARYLAND CLASSIC, 1904.

MINISTER'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Sunday-schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.					
		Communicants.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Dismissed.		Officers and Teachers.		Benevolent Purposes.			Congregational Purposes.				
		Congregations.	Unconfirmed.	Confirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Car. or Renewal.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Comm'rs.	Deaths, Unconf'd.	Number.		Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Joas. W. Santee, D. D.	Mercersburg, Pa.	1	535	475	320	17	17	5	14	12	18	1	92	433	814	868	67	94,203	389
Geo. L. Staley.	1306 Bolton St., Baltimore	1	505	437	155	12	15	11	6	13	1	1	43	235	1160	78	2189	685	
E. E. Eschbach, D. D.	Frederick, Md.	1	608	501	471	38	21	10	2	23	5	1	32	235	1	691	00	3624	00
J. S. Kiefer, D. D.	229 N. Potomac, Hagerstown	1	307	254	67	7	2	4	5	9	1	1	34	201	1	719	00	3000	00
J. S. Kiefer, D. D.	323 N. Calvert St., Balto.	1	423	196	948	21	9	3	5	5	5	1	63	324	1	214	86	2368	00
Vacant	Frederick, Md.	1	182	127	155	21	1	2	3	2	3	1	30	200	1	853	00	1207	00
Stiles M. Hench.	175 Lencock St., Allegheny.	1	286	197	69	1	1	3	4	5	7	2	34	209	1	244	00	765	00
Jacob B. Kerschner.	Washington, D. C.	1	150	130	61	7	6	3	5	4	3	1	16	62	1	236	00	1000	00
E. R. Dentrick, B. D.	Keedysville, Wash. Co.	1	414	340	174	9	11	28	15	15	4	3	37	283	1	15519	00	8113	00
Barton K. Carnahan	Westminster, Md.	1	370	330	270	46	39	19	8	7	4	1	40	350	1	205	00	2161	00
Calvin S. Slagle	Hagerstown, Md.	1	434	361	461	21	2	14	7	7	4	4	52	360	1	213	00	1789	00
Conrad Clever, D. D.	1305 Pat's n' Pk A. V. Balt.	1	200	160	111	5	5	...	4	4	7	1	32	225	1	300	00	1000	00
A. S. Weber, D. D.	Thurmont, Md.	1	121	62	84	19	4	3	2	5	...	1	30	136	1	112	00	973	00
George A. Whitmore.	Jefferson, Md.	1	250	171	100	8	5	1	5	...	2	1	37	100	1	125	00	535	00
Harry F. Dittmar.	Without Charge	1	278	209	124	8	6	8	6	...	1	1	45	174	1	651	00	1361	00
George W. Snyder.	Without Charge	1	431	408	437	25	2	37	12	18	9	2	31	373	1	678	00	10395	00
Charles W. Levan.	St. Stephen's	1	551	412	248	20	11	4	1	4	14	2	45	506	1	325	00	1214	00
Fred A. Cook	Union Bridge, Md.	1	281	270	212	15	...	1	10	7	10	2	24	125	1	921	00	1913	42
Atvili Conner.	Manor	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Isaac M. Motter.	Without Charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lloyd E. Coblenz.	St. Paul's	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Samuel M. Roeder.	Manchester, R. F. D., Md.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
David J. Wolf.	Taneytown, Md.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simon B. Miller.	Frederick, Md.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christopher Noss	Allentown, Pa.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Frederick W. Bald	Clearspring, Md.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
W. C. B. Shulenberger.	Emmitsburg, Md.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
John W. Pontius	Middletown, Md.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

4. VIRGINIA CLASSIS, 1904.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Sunday-schools.		Contributions.		Minutes Wasted.			
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed of Profession.	Discontinued.	Expatriated or Name.	Deaths, Comtd.	Deaths, Uncomtd.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Ben-volent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
J. A. Hoffhelms, D. D.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Christ	1	331	213	185	1	18	4	6	2	2	1	82	213	...	\$251 00	...
J. W. Runch	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Falling Waters	1	19	13	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	9	5	...	121 00	...
Geo G. Everhart	Harrisonburg, Va.	St Stephen's	1	20	19	14	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	6	25	...	210 00	...
Josiah May.	Bayard, W. Va.	Without Charge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S. A. Hittner	Edenburg, Va.	Without Charge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock	2	284	230	130	4	9	5	2	...	...	1	14	107	...	800 00	...
H. Ditzler	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Mill Creek	4	190	174	120	8	12	1	6	3	1	3	20	173	...	142 00	...
Lewis T. Lanius	Lovettsville, Va.	Without Charge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
R. Raymond Jones	Woodstock, Va.	Without Charge .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ellis Hay	Roanoke, Va.	Massanutten Acad.	1	70	64	35	2	5	10	3	1	1	1	8	73	...	72 01	...
A. Theo Wright.	Mt. Crawford, Va.	St. Paul's	3	526	270	126	5	10	4	1	4	13	4	25	247	...	481 00	...
A. Shulenberger.	Edenburg, Va.	Edenburg	3	145	139	74	6	7	3	...	6	4	3	19	115	...	145 00	...
M. A. Kettler	Timberville, Va.	Timberville	3	276	219	135	6	0	1	...	4	4	1	20	145	...	139 00	...
T. A. Cropper.	Winchester, Va.	Winchester	2	126	93	69	9	8	1	...	...	...	2	26	163	...	115 10	...
Supply	Winchester, Va.	Smithfield	1	8	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	...
A. H. Smith	Tom's Brook, Va.	Harrisville	2	241	187	87	7	8	2	3	4	3	2	31	212	...	216 00	...
J. Elmer Guy	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown	2	131	107	57	3	2	2	...	3	...	2	26	130	...	151 00	...
Ben K. Hay	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Mt. Crawford	3	212	168	78	6	3	1	...	...	...	3	42	191	...	251 77	...
J. M. Sonder	Arbor Hill, Va.	Middlebrook	2	210	169	72	7	...	1	4	2	...	2	28	174	...	85 00	...
Supply	Lovettsville, Va.	St. James.	1	131	116	69	3	...	...	...	2	...	1	13	51	...	91 76	...
Julius Bologh, lic.	Pocahontas, Va.	Pocahontas (Haug) ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals			34	2700	2215	1219	63	45	114	45	30	10	50	102	1964	...	\$1240 53	63418

S. NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS, 1904 J. O. Leonard, Stated Clerk.

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6. GETTYSBURG OLASSIS. T. J. Barkley, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			S. Schools.			Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. of Renewal.	Discontinued.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Com'ts.	No. of Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.	
Wm. K. Zieher, D. D.	Hanover, Pa.	Without Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
John C. Bowman, D. D.	Laurel, Pa.	Prof. in Sem. Lane., Pa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thos. J. Barkley, D. D.	Gettysburg, Pa.	Gettysburg	287	294	12	2	6	1	2	...	7	1	21	175	8370 00	91041 00	21
John H. Hartman	Hanover, Pa.	W. Manheim	560	380	45	...	23	11	5	...	7	4	28	200	248 00	1200 00	30
Walter E. Krebs, D. D.	Littlestown, Pa.	Without Charge.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Francis S. Lindaman	Littlestown, Pa.	Christ Church	740	475	45	...	13	5	17	...	8	3	52	367	491 00	1200 00	30
John F. Mackley	Fairfield	Without Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
J. Marvin Mickle	Macknightstown, Pa	Without Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wm. D. LeFevre	Smymna, Del.	Without Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mary J. Roth	Hanover, Pa.	Trinity	617	382	25	2	25	44	10	...	23	14	45	505	823 00	8213 00	10
Paul M. Spangler	East Berlin, Pa.	East Berlin	843	221	100	12	13	...	8	...	8	4	46	279	114 00	713 00	15
Wharton A. Kline	Collegeville, Pa.	Prof in Ursinus College.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.....	Hanover, Pa.	Emmanuel	506	287	146	14	15	10	5	...	6	2	20	214	1422 00	11002 00	10
Nathan W. Seebler	Codorus, Pa.	Jefferson	781	734	513	83	27	10	20	...	17	4	38	226	355 00	2390 00	20
Alexander P. Prantz	Spring Forge, Pa	Litchey	454	392	270	27	25	8	4	...	4	3	34	320	410 00	1650 00	20
J. Hamilton Smith	Littlestown, Pa.	Littlestown	342	255	120	10	18	9	14	...	1	3	28	186	289 00	1391 00	16
Theodore C. Hesson.	Arendtsville, Pa.	Arendtsville	431	370	177	11	30	4	9	...	8	2	32	320	430 00	670 00	20
Stiles P. Manger	New Oxford, Pa.	New Oxford	610	475	275	25	11	4	18	...	3	5	51	300	373 00	1173 00	20
Jacob M. Stick	Sandal, Japan	Missionary in Japan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
William E. Busbong	Hanover, Pa.	Without Charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ed W. Stonebraker.	Fairfield, Pa.	Cashlown	417	383	218	21	56	6	6	...	2	1	35	203	190 00	1150 00	20
T. J. Barkley	Gettysburg, Pa.	St. Mark's (supply).	88	84	40	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	68	30 00	135 00	8
Total	296196	53458	8254	26220	947	113	109	...	35	38	471	3491	...	00,841,390 00	243

7. **CARLISLE OLSEN**. Wm. H. Groh, Stated Clerk.

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Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the Year A. D., 1904.

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Total Statistical Summary for Eight Synods for the Year A. D., 1904.

Account	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352
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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Its Annual Sessions Held at Newport, Pa.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Five. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Eighteenth and continued until the evening of the Twenty-Third of the month inclusive

ARTICLE I. OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Ascension Reformed Church of Newport, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 18th, A. D. 1905, at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. W. Pontius, from Matthew 3:11.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President led in prayer, and then declared Synod open for business.

The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II. DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Henry H. Apple, George Stibitz, D.D.,* Israel S. Leiby, William A. Korn, Ph.D.,* John J. Stauffer."

Elders.—Milton W. Bahn,* Reuben A. Paules,* John L. Gerber,* Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—James B. Stonesifer, Lloyd E. Coblentz, J. Stewart Hartman, Atville Conner, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.,⁸ Calvin S. Slagle, E. Ranson Deatricks, B.D., John W. Pontius, Robert J. Pilgram, J. Philip Harner, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.

Elders.—Jacob H. Cost, John Gassman,⁸ Calvin R. Coblentz,⁸ Peter S. Lesh, Charles A. Goetling, Edmund S. Everhart, Atville Conner,⁸ John Freyer, Henry Stokes, Lewis B. Hargett.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Edgar R. Appenzeller,⁸ Preston A. DeLong, Elias F. Faust, Jonas B. Shontz, Edward O. Keen.

Elders.—Casper Wicke, J. C. Fuss,⁸ Jonas Kieffer.²⁰

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—Thomas J. Hacker, D.D., Moses A. Kieffer,⁸ John A. Hoffheins, D.D., A. H. Smith.

Elders.—Daniel S. Rentch, Henry J. Seibert, E. E. Jones,²⁰ Joshua B. Grove.

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—George A. Snyder, D.D., Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.,⁸ Samuel W. Beck, William B. Duttera, Ph.D., J. M. Luther Iyerly, Ph.D., John H. Keller.⁸

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—E. William Stonebraker, Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., J. Hamilton Smith,² Ellis S. Hay.

Elders.—Andrew R. Brodbeck, John P. Butt, George Julius,⁸ Harry C. Sanders.

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—J. Thomas Fox, Miles O. Noll, Milton M. Noacher,⁸ Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.

Elders.—Samuel A. Baschore, Jeremiah V. Fickes, John Hertzler, A. K. Souders.²

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Walter E. Garrett,¹ Charles W. Warlick, Charles F. Althouse, Christian Gumbert, J. David Miller.

Elders.—John Brewster, Edward M. Pennell,⁸ D. F. Ritchey, J. B. Phillips, T. M. Triplett.

Note.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the session at which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of Synod. The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. R. L. Bair occupied the seat of Rev. G. Schirs, D.D., during the sessions of Saturday and Monday; Rev. H. J. Hillegass that of Rev. J. J. Stauffer on Monday; and Rev. S. S. Miller that of Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., at the first two sessions, of Rev. J. W. Parsons on Thursday and Friday, and of Rev. J. B. Stonestier from Saturday morning till the close of Synod.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Revs. R. L. Bair and H. J. Hillegass.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. S. S. Miller, C. H. Ranck, C. A. Bushong, Prof. J. H. Apple, and Elder E. Cornman.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., and Prof. W. M. Irvine, Ph.D.

North Carolina Classis.—Rev. Shuford Peeler.

Gettysburg Classis.—Elder Charles M. Wolff.

Carlisle Classis.—Revs. W. H. Groh, F. L. Kerr, S. T. Wagner, R. E. Leinbach, and Elders S. S. Brenner and Moses Hess.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. George E. Limbert.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. C. J. Musser, D.D., A. S. Bromer, J. S. Stahr, D.D., A. C. Whitmer, E. N. Kremer, D.D., W. F. Hoy, D.D., R. W. Miller, D.D., T. W. Dickert, T. M. Yundt, W. F. More, and Prof. E. M. Hartman.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. J. C. Bowman, D.D., D. A. Sou-
ders, and D. H. Leader.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. A. F. Lott, of the Presbyterian Church, Newport, and Rev. Mr. Dorwart, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Newport.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current year:

Rev. H. H. Apple, *President*, York, Pa.

Elder John Brewster, *Vice-President*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, *Corresponding Secretary*, Little-
town, Pa.

Rev. P. A. DeLong, *Reading Clerk*, Chambersburg, Pa.
 Elder Charles M. Wolff, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.
 Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., is *Stated Clerk*, Woodberry, Baltimore, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as comprising the first eleven rows of pews.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The daily session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 4.30 o'clock, with recess from 11.30 to 2 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7.30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. C. F. Althouse, W. E. Garrett, J. T. Fox; Elders J. V. Fickes and E. M. Pennell.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, E. W. Stonebraker, C. Gumbert; Elders S. A. Basehore and C. Wicke.

General Synod.—Revs. E. B. Lyttle, E. O. Keen, M. O. Noll; Elders M. W. Bahn and J. V. Fickes.

Overtures.—Revs. A. H. Smith, R. J. Pilgram, E. F. Faust; Elders C. R. Coblentz and A. Conner, Sr.

Publication.—Revs. M. O. Noll, C. S. Slagle, J. H. Smith; Elders J. Freyer and D. F. Ritchey.

Minutes of Classes.—Rev. E. O. Keen, J. A. Hoffheins, J. B. Stonesifer; Elders H. J. Seibert and Peter S. Lesh.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. Geo. Stibitz, G. A. Snyder, J. B. Shontz; Elders E. S. Everhart and J. Hertzler.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, A. Conner, E. R. Appenzeller; Elders J. B. Grove and A. R. Brodbeck.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, S. W. Beck, W. A. Korn; Elders J. B. Phillips and J. P. Butt.

Education.—Revs. P. A. DeLong, J. Spangler Kieffer, E. R. Eschbach; Elders Israel Laucks and J. Gassman.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. W. B. Duttera, M. M. Noacher, J. P. Harner; Elders T. M. Triplett and H. A. Sanders.

Missions.—Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., E. S. Hay, J. S. Hartman; Elders L. B. Hargett and D. S. Rentch.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. I. S. Leiby, J. M. L. Lyerly, C. W. Warlick; Elders John Gerber and J. C. Fuss.

Finance.—Revs. T. J. Hacker, J. D. Miller, C. S. Slagle; Elders J. Bréwster and R. A. Paules.

Nominations.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, L. E. Coblentz, T. J. Barkley; Elders H. Stokes and J. H. Cost.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committees on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of learning the arrears.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College, and catalogues of Massanutten Academy, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee, on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board were received, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received. They were read, and then referred to the above committee.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was laid before Synod in printed form, and, after distribution, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, whose report was received and adopted, namely:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious Services present the following report:

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7.30 p. m.—Altar Service by Rev. F. A. Rupley. Sermon by retiring President, Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7.30 p. m.—Education. Rev. G. A. Snyder, D.D., presiding. Altar Service by Rev. A. H. Smith. Address, "The Seminary and the Church," Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D. Address, "The College and the Church," Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D.

Friday, Oct. 20, 7.30 p. m.—Church Institutions. Rev. W. F. More, presiding. Altar Service by Rev. Atville Conner. Address, "The Church and the Orphan," Rev. D. H. Leader. Address, "Christ and the Child," Rev. R. W. Miller, D.D.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2 p. m.—Preparatory Service. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D. Altar Service by Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D., and M. M. Noacher.

7.30 p. m.—Home Missions. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., presiding. Altar Service by Rev. C. W. Warlick. Addresses by Revs. T. M. Yundt and A. C. Whitmer.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 10.30 a. m.—Synodical and Congregational Communion. Sermon by President of Synod, H. H. Apple. Altar Services by Revs. E. R. Deatrick and J. Hamilton Smith.

8 p. m.—Heidelberg League. Address, "The Culture of Music," by Rev. R. J. Pilgram. Address, "Songs That Have Helped," by Rev. J. S. Hartman.

7 p. m.—Foreign Missions. Rev. T. J. Hacker, presiding. Altar Service by Rev. E. O. Keen. Address, "Our Work in Japan," by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D. Address, "Our Work in China," by Rev. W. E. Hoy, D.D.

Presbyterian Church—A. M., Rev. C. F. Althouse; P. M., Rev. J. David Miller.

Evangelical Church—A. M., Rev. J. B. Shantz; P. M., Rev. M. O. Noll.

Methodist Church—A. M., Rev. P. A. DeLong; P. M., Rev. E. R. Appenzeller.

Lutheran Church—A. M., Rev. J. L. Murphy, D.D.; P. M., Rev. E. S. Hay.

New Bloomfield Reformed—A. M., Rev. R. J. Pilgram.

Respectfully submitted,

J. THOMAS FOX,

C. F. ALTHOUSE,

WALTER E. GARRETT,

J. V. FICKES,

E. M. PENNELL.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod and of the General Synod were referred to the Standing Committees on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the sessions of Thursday and Saturday, these committees presented their reports, which were received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and are as follows:

Report of the Committees on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, p. 13. Revs. M. O. Noll and E. R. Deatrick, officers of Synod, were appointed to provide a house for Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.

Item 2, p. 19. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod. Rev. E. W. Stonebraker is Chairman.

Item 3, p. 30. The attention of the Stated Clerks of Zion's, Mercersburg, and North Carolina Classes is called to their neglect to send to Synod an abstract of their Minutes relative to matters coming before Synod.

Item 4, p. 30. The Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of education.

Item 5, p. 30 and p. 60. The attention of the Classes is called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the Christian ministry, and they are to instruct pastors to preach special sermons, emphasizing this claim of the Church on young men.

Item 6, p. 30. Zion's Classis was urgently enjoined to pay the apportionment for Catawba College for last year in full.

Item 7, p. 30. The Classes are urged to instruct pastors to pay the apportionment for Beneficiary Education early in the year.

Item 8, p. 30. Zion's Classis is enjoined by Synod to accept the apportionment for Beneficiary Education, and to co-operate with Synod in this work.

Item 9, p. 30. Synod enjoins upon all the Classes to accept the apportionments sent down to them.

Item 10, p. 58. Synod requests the Classes to keep before the minds of the young men seeking an education the claims and advantages of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 11, p. 58. The Classes are urged to provide plans to aid Professor Hartman in prosecuting the work of increasing the endowment of the College.

Item 12, p. 59. A committee is appointed to confer with similar committees of the other Synods and with the Faculty of the Seminary in arranging for a "Seminary Day," of which committee Rev. S. S. Miller is Chairman.

Item 13, p. 59. Synod appoints a committee to co-operate with a committee of the Board of Trustees to increase the endowment of the Seminary, of which committee Rev. E. R. Deatrack is Chairman.

Item 14, p. 61. The several Classes are urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College.

Item 15, pp. 59 and 62. A committee, of which Rev. F. A. Rupley is Chairman, is appointed to co-operate with the Board of Directors of the Woman's College to increase its endowment.

Item 16, p. 64. Report of the Rev. George A. Snyder, D.D., as agent to collect the \$10,075.16 still necessary to complete the endowment of the Presidency of Catawba College, as pledged by Synod.

Item 17, p. 67. Report of the Members of the Board of Visitors of this Synod in publishing the inaugural addresses of Professors Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss.

Item 18. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

It will be necessary to elect to the various Boards of Synod, to fill the place of those whose term of office expires, or to fill vacancies, as follows:

- P. 44. Trustees of Catawba College—six members.
- 69. Board of Education—three members for three years; one member for two years.
- 69. Board of Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years; one member for two years.
- 69. Directors of Woman's College—one member for five years.
- 69. Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary—one member for one year.
- 69. Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary—one member for one year.
- 97. Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions—two members for four years; one member for two years.
- 107. Trustees of Synod—one member for five years.
- 115. Sunday-school Board—one member for five; one member for one year.
- 127. Board of Managers of Deaconess Home—one minister for four years; one minister and one elder for three years; one minister for one year.

Item 19, p. 96. Missions.

- a. Synod urges the Classes to assume and pay all the apportionments for Missions in full.
- b. Synod urges a better response to the six cents a member for Church Building on the part of Classes.
- c. The Classes are urged to support the Foreign Mission Board in the effort to erect buildings for the North Japan College.
- d. The observance of Home and Foreign Missionary Days is commended to the Classes.
- e. Classes are urged to use their influence in the sale of "The History of the Japan Mission."

Item 20, p. 103. Certain arrearages of the Classes are noted.

Item 21, p. 104. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Work Among the Germans, Harbor Mission, Theological Seminary, Contingent, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College, Woman's College and Science Building and Interest.

Item 22, p. 107. The Classes delinquent on their pledges for the Washington Memorial Church were requested to pay the amount deficient as soon as possible.

Item 23, pp. 112-113. Synod recommends certain action respecting the Sunday-schools.

Item 24, p. 115. The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the sessions of 1904 authenticated, printed, and distributed to those entitled to receive them.

Item 25, p. 120. The importance of largely increasing the circulation of The Messenger is urged upon the Classes, and they are directed to ascertain the number of subscribers to The Messenger and The Quarterly Review in our several pastoral charges.

Item 26, p. 122. The Orphan Homes are commended to the continued support, fostering love and care of the Church, through the Classes.

Item 27, p. 125. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows is commended, and the Classes are urged to ask pastors to present the cause to their people at least once a year for liberal offerings.

Item 28, p. 131. A committee, of which the Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., is Chairman, is appointed to meet with Zion's Classis, and present in person the resolutions adopted by Synod a year ago concerning said Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK,

E. W. STONEBRAKER, CASPER WICKE,

S. AUG. BASEHORE, C. GUMBERT.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, see Article XIII, Education; on item 2, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27, see Article X, Minutes of Classes for their action on the several items; item 18 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; item 24, see Article XX, Publication; on item 28, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod presented its report, during the session of Saturday, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of General Synod begs leave to report the following items taken from the Minutes of General Synod, which claim the attention of this body:

Item 1, p. 86. General Synod commends the Woman's Missionary Societies already organized in the Synods, Classes and congregations of the Church, and urges all the Synods and Classes to foster the development of this good work.

Item 2, p. 86. Commends the work of the Harbor Missionary to the interest and support of the Church.

Item 3, p. 87. Commends the Hungarian and Bohemian Missionary work.

Item 4, p. 160. Commends the Annuity Bonds as a means for securing funds for the Missionary cause.

Item 5, p. 174. Commends the work of the Board of Ministerial Relief to the District Synods and Classes for support.

Item 6, p. 176. General Synod recommends the more thorough organization of Young People's Societies and that Standing Committees be appointed by Synods and Classes.

Item 7, p. 203. General Synod requests the Synods and Classes to call the attention of pastors and members to the great importance of constant efforts to increase the membership of the Sunday-school, and improve the attendance of the schools within their bounds.

Item 8, p. 203. Requests Synods and Classes to urge upon the various young people's organizations of the Church the importance of making use of the denominational reading course and the organization of mission study classes.

Item 9, p. 255. General Synod lays the following apportionments upon the Synod of the Potomac:

- a. Contingent Fund, \$550.
- b. Home Missions, \$15,550.
- c. Foreign Missions, \$10,675.
- d. Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions, \$1,650.
- e. Church Building, \$3,070.

Item 10, p. 270. General Synod directs especial attention to the importance of keeping before the minds of our young men the claims of the Christian ministry, and the urgent need which challenges them to enter upon the work of preparation for this sacred calling.

Item 11, p. 271. Commends our institutions of learning to our people for their liberal support and patronage.

Item 12, p. 277. The next Triennial meeting of General Synod will be held in the First German Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, in 1908, on the third Tuesday in May, at 8 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BRUCE LYTTLE,

MILES O. NOLL, M. W. BAHN,
EDWARD O. KEEN, J. V. FICKES.

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, 3, 4, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 5, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous, Relief Society; on item 6, the following action was adopted: Resolved, That Synod appreciates the General Synod's concern for the welfare of young people, and will co-operate in the endeavor

to accomplish its objects; that, however, it does not see its way clear to the appointment of a standing committee on this subject. Item 7, see Article XVIII, Sunday-schools; item 8 was adopted and referred through the Classes to the Young People's Societies; on item 9, see Article XV, Finance; items 10 and 11 were adopted and sent down to the Classes with the request that they urge pastors and consistories to present these matters to the people of their charges; item 12 was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: To the undersigned Committee on Overtures were referred the following items:

Item 1. The annual report of the Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, and a letter from Superintendent More.

Item 2. The report of Rev. D. H. Leader, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Item 3. A communication from Dr. J. S. Stahr, relative to the filling of vacancies on the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 4. Pittsburgh Synod notifies Potomac Synod of its consent to the modification of the Swander Memorial, changing it from a lectureship to a professorship.

Item 5. A letter from Rev. Paul Barringer, tendering his resignation as a Trustee of Catawba College.

Item 6. The triennial statement, and the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and Their Widows.

Item 7. A communication from Rev. I. M. Schick, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief of General Synod, asking for favorable consideration of its cause.

Item 8. The Board of Education requests permission to use its own discretion in requiring beneficiary students to give bonds.

Item 9. A resolution from the Synod of Interior, asking this Synod's endorsement of the movement in behalf of the Mission at Omaha, Neb.

Item 10. Elder George W. Hoffman, of St. James congregation (Christ Church charge), Adams county, Pa., tenders property, consisting of two farms, for the purpose of establishing an Orphan Home.

Item 11. Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa., invites Synod to hold its next annual session in its church.

Item 12. A letter containing a request from the President of Nazareth Orphan Home, Crescent, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. SMITH,

ROBERT J. PILGRAM,

E. F. FAUST,

CALVIN R. COBLENTZ,

ATVILLE CONNER.

Items 3, 4, were adopted; on items 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; on item 5, the resignation was accepted, and the vacancy referred to the Committee on Nominations; on item 8, see Article XIII, Education; on item 9, see Article XIV, Missions; the invitation of Zion Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa., was accepted, and Synod decided to meet there on Tuesday, October 16th, A. D. 1906, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

I.—IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to send an abstract of their minutes relative to matters requiring the attention of Synod. All the Classes have complied with this requirement, except Carlisle. Many of these abstracts, however, are very incomplete.

II.—MATTERS REFERRED BY SYNOD.

Item 2. Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of education. All the Classes report having complied with this request, except Zion's.

Item 3. The attention of the Classes is called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the ministry, and the Classes are requested to instruct pastors to preach special sermons emphasizing this claim of the Church upon young men. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 4. Classes are directed to ascertain the number of subscribers to "The Reformed Church Messenger" and "The Quarterly Review" in circulation in their several pastoral charges. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 5. Synod enjoins upon the several Classes to accept all the apportionments sent down to them. All the Classes took favorable action, except Zion's.

Item 6. Classes are requested to keep before the minds of young men seeking an education the claims and advantages of Franklin and Marshall College, and are urged to provide such plans as will aid Prof. Hartman in presenting the needs of the College and collecting funds for the endowment. All the Classes took favorable action, except Zion's.

Item 7. Stated Clerks of Classes are requested to send in promptly renewals or requests for beneficiary aid. All the Classes took favorable action except Zion's.

Item 8. Classes are urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 9. Classes are urged to assume and pay all the apportionments for Home Missions, and the 6 cents a member for Church-building. All the Classes took favorable action, except that Juniata Classis does not accept 6 cents per member for Church-building, having a classical Church-building Fund nearly raised and hoping to complete it during present year.

Item 10. Classes are urged to support the Foreign Mission Board in the effort to erect buildings for North Japan College. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 11. The observance of Home and Foreign Mission days is commended. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 12. Classes are urged to use their influence in the sale of the History of the Japan Mission. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 13. Synod urges Classes to ask pastors to present the cause of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to the people, at least once a year, for liberal offerings. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 14. Apportionments are laid upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, work among the Germans, Harbor Missions, Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund, Beneficiary Education, Catawba College, Woman's College, and Science Building and Interest. Zion's Classis accepts its full apportionment for Home Missions, \$1,425, with the understanding that \$850 be applied to Mission work immediately under the care of the Classis; does not accept apportionment for Beneficiary Education, Catawba College and Woman's College; in-

stead of adopting \$108 for Woman's College, offers to co-operate with Synod's committee in the effort to raise the amount yet outstanding, by direct canvass. Maryland Classis, instead of accepting and apportioning the amount for Woman's College, took the following action: "*Resolved*, That the Trustees of this Classis borrow the sum of \$5,000 for the Woman's College at Frederick, in lieu of the amount to be raised by the Classis towards the expenses of the Endowment Committee." Mercersburg Classis does not accept apportionment for Science Building. Virginia Classis does not accept apportionment for Catawba College and Woman's College. North Carolina Classis does not accept apportionment for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, work among the German Harbor Missions, Woman's College, Science Building, but commends these interests to the favorable consideration of the pastors and congregations of the Classis; accepts \$25 of apportionment for Theological Seminary, whole apportionment being \$312. Gettysburg Classis does not accept apportionment for Woman's College, but instead agrees to co-operate in effort to raise Endowment. Carlisle Classis does not accept apportionment for Woman's College, but makes provision for this interest through special committee.

Item 15. Classes delinquent on the Washington Memorial Church are requested to pay their arrears as soon as possible. Mercersburg Classis respectfully overtures Synod to exonerate it from paying the debt.

Item 16. Certain action concerning the Sunday-schools is referred to the Classes. All the Classes took favorable action.

Item 17. The ratio of representation of the Synod is changed from 1 in 3 to 1 in 4. All the classes noted this action favorably.

Item 18. Orphans' Homes are, through the Classes, commended to the Churches. All the Classes took favorable action.

III.—LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

Item 19. Zion's Classis licensed Mr. Wilbur J. Kohler; received from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Licentiate Charles E. Myers, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; received Licentiate Howard A. Althouse from Reading Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; received Rev. Elmer E. Emhoff from Classis of Iowa, Synod of the Interior; dismissed Rev. Charles P. Kehl to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. H. M. J. Klein to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 20. Maryland Classis licensed Mr. Henri L. G. Keiffer, Mr. Edward S. Lamar and Mr. Elzathan L. Higbee, May 12, 1905; received Rev. John B. Kalaria from the Western Presby-

tery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod, February 13, 1905; Rev. Clayton H. Ranck from Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, May 12, 1905; Rev. David N. Dittmar from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, October 3; dismissed Rev. S. T. Wagner to Carlisle Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Christopher Noss to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Licentiates Edward G. Lamar and Henri L. G. Keiffer to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Item 21. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Preston A. DeLong from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Charles P. Kehl from Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; received Licentiate Edward S. Lamar from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry, June 4, 1905; received Licentiate Henri L. G. Keiffer from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry, September 3, 1905; licensed Mr. John H. Detrick and dismissed him to the Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, May 29, 1905; dismissed Rev. Charles A. Santee to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, March 16, 1905; dismissed Rev. Clayton H. Ranck to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, May 10, 1905.

Item 22. Virginia Classis received Rev. Thos. J. Hacker D.D., from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod, February 24, 1905; dismissed Rev. Ellis S. Hay to Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, December 15, 1904.

Item 23. North Carolina Classis received Rev. F. Crome from Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod, September 19, 1904; dismissed Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, May 26, 1904; and Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser to Emporia Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, May, 1905.

Item 24. Gettysburg Classis licensed Mr. Charles Edward Myers, Mr. J. W. Zehring and Mr. Dallas R. Krebs; received Rev. Ellis S. Hay from Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Jacob N. Faust from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; dismissed Rev. A. P. Frantz to East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., to Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Licentiate Charles Edward Myers to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Licentiate J. William Zehring to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, and Licentiate Dallas R. Krebs to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Item 25. Carlisle Classis licensed Mr. Vernon S. Rice; received Licentiate Roy E. Leinbach from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; received Rev. S. T. Wagner from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Item 26. Juniata Classis received Rev. C. W. Summey from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. Geo. E. Limbert from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. D. E. Master from Clarion Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; dismissed Rev. Lewis Robb to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. P. A. DeLong to Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Geo. W. Welsh to Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod; Rev. Wm. C. Slough to East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

IV.—TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Item 27. Zion's Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church, Red Lion, York county, Pa., Monday, May 21, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D., President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk; Rev. George S. Sorber, Treas.

Item 28. Maryland Classis will meet in Faith Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., Wednesday, May 16, 1906, at 8 p. m. Rev. L. E. Coblentz, President; Rev. E. R. Deatricks, Stated Clerk; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.

Item 29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Shippensburg, Pa., Tuesday, May 15, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Gideon P. Fisher, President; Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Stated Clerk; Rev. P. A. DeLong, Treasurer.

Item 30. Virginia Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Mt. Crawford, Va., Wednesday, May 23, 1906, 8 p. m. Rev. A. T. Wright, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 31. North Carolina Classis will meet in Bethel Reformed Church, East Roman charge, Gold Hill, N. C., Tuesday, May 1, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. J. L. Bowers, President; Rev. J. C. Leonard, B.D., Stated Clerk; Elder P. J. Leonard, Treasurer.

Item 32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Gettysburg, Pa., Friday, May 18, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Theodore C. Hesson, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 33. Carlisle Classis will meet in St. Matthew's Reformed Church, at Carlisle Springs, Cumberland county, Pa., Wednesday, May 16, 1906, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Frank L. Kerr, President; Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Item 34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Alexandria, Huntingdon county, Pa., Thursday, May 31, 1906, at 7.45 p. m. Rev. B. F. Bausman, President; Rev. J. David Miller, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD O. KEEN, *Chairman.*

Item 1, the attention of the Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis was called to the irregularity, and the Stated Clerks of the

Classes were instructed to be more careful; item 2 was adopted and reiterated; item 15 was adopted, excepting that part relating to the request of Mercersburg Classis to be exonerated from the payment of the amount due on Washington Church. Synod cannot exonerate the Classis because the money was borrowed for the payment of the pledge of Classis. The remaining items were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Reverend Brethren of the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully reports that no candidates having been referred to us, the committee had no work to do.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE STIBITZ,

GEORGE A. SNYDER, J. B. SHONTZ.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics offers the following report for your consideration and adoption:

A healthy state of religion demands a proper recognition of God in worship and in general activity. The reports of the various Classes, placed in our hands, indicate a true recognition of the great Head of the Church; a spirit of true reverence and devotion to Christ; a deep consciousness of dependence upon God, and a deeply-rooted appreciation of the blessings and privileges which the Creator of all things has bestowed upon us.

Another indication of healthfulness in these reports is the interest shown in the preaching and in the study of the Holy Word. Not only were the pastors earnest and devoted in the preaching of the Word, but the people also showed their appreciation of it by their faithful attendance at the regular services. In the Sunday-schools and in the Young People's Societies, it is read and studied, as the Word of Life, to a much more encouraging degree than in the past. In the face of the

critical age in which we live and the disposition to undermine the Word and to secularize it and all that is sacred, it is refreshing and encouraging to see it upheld and revered as the Word of God by both the pastors and the people in our Church.

Still another sign of health and progress, is the number of accessions during the year. This increase in number has been of a steady and not of a spasmodic character. The educational method of instructing the young in the Catechism and preparing them for confirmation, has not been superseded by any other method. The Lenten season is still regarded the true revival season; the fall and winter work in our Church looks forward to this special season as the ingathering season of the year. In this custom "of the fathers" there is a concentration of the energies and powers of the denomination, of the charges and of the congregations, toward the end of ingathering, that must tell, wonderfully, in the advancement and development of spiritual growth.

It is an indication of progress when there is not only an observance of the general festival days, but also the special days ordered by the Synod. Nearly all the charges and the congregations observed Messenger Day, Home and Foreign Missionary Days, Seminary Day and Children's Day. The fruit of the observance of these days will show itself in the near future in the building up of the charges and congregations, in the strengthening of the Synod and in the advancement of the Church in general. The disposition of pastors and people to use these days to press home to the membership the special needs and wants of the Church is to be admired and commended.

These reports also assure us that the apportionments handed down by the Synod have been generally assumed and paid by the various charges. This attitude of true regard for the Synod and the benevolent work of the Church, enables the Synod to do her share in the work of building up the Kingdom of the Lord. It would be a very sad and a very discouraging feature, if any of the Classes would assume a wrong attitude toward the Synod, by presuming to determine what special items of benevolence shall be assumed and what particular ones shall be ignored. This spirit of independency and of retrogression still lingers to some extent within the bounds of our Synod. That it exists is to be lamented; that it has but a slender hold, is a source of great encouragement.

The interest shown during the past year, by individuals, congregations, charges and Classes, in the educational institutions under our care, is a healthful sign of progress and advancement. The Church life that is indifferent to the educational interests of the day, must be in a dying condition. The

noble act which one of the Classes of this Synod did in behalf of the Woman's College, indicates a living interest in the cause of education. May this act inspire us to a more prayerful consideration and a more hearty support of this and all other institutions under our direction.

It is worthy of mention also, that there are things embodied in these reports, which go to show that the millennium has not yet arrived; that evil still manifests itself in varied forms; that there is a strong materialistic spirit, turning men's minds away from God; that there is still a tendency to destroy the sanctity of the Lord's Day and the safeguards of morality in the interests of amusements, of intemperance and of licentiousness, and that the graft system obtains in the social and financial world, poisoning the hearts and minds of men with dishonesty and corruption. That in the midst of this conflict, between light and darkness, we find the Church life normal and healthy, demands at our hands, praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father and a fuller consecration of ourselves on the altar of the Gospel, to His honor and to His service. Therefore to the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, would we ascribe all thanksgiving, praise, honor and glory, for whatever we may have done, during the past year, in the interest of the Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS,
 ATVILLE CONNER, J. B. GROVE,
 EDGAR R. APPENZELLER, A. R. BRODBECK.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Thursday the annual reports of the Board of Education; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md.; of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and of Rev. John S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, were received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The several reports are as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Education met in annual session July 19, 1905, at 2 o'clock p. m., in St.

John Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa. The members were all present with the exception of Rev. I. N. Peightel, who was excused for his absence, and Rev. C. A. Santee, who had moved into the bounds of another Synod.

Under the consideration of unfinished business, it was made evident that the work committed by the Board to its members was attended to punctually and faithfully. The Treasurer's report shows the receipts to have been \$3,838.05, and that the same amount was expended. It also showed that the liabilities of the Board then were \$201.75. The report was audited and found to be correct.

Appropriations of one hundred and fifty dollars were made to each of the following students: Guy P. Bready, George Missel, A. G. Herman, Chalmers Walck, Ira S. Monn, Linden H. Rice, John A. Ditzler, Irwin S. Ditzler, Milton Whitner, Border Stanley, and to A. W. Barley. To each of the following new applicants the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars was also granted: Charles A. Hewitt and John E. Boomershein.

The Treasurer was instructed to appeal to the loyal members of Zion's Classis to pay their part of the apportionment for beneficiary education even though the amount was not apportioned by said Classis.

The following overture to Synod was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board overture the Potomac Synod to allow the Board to use its own discretion as to requiring beneficiary students giving bonds, and that Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., represent the Board at the meeting of Synod.

With reference to the overture of Juniata Classis, concerning the commutation of the assistance given to the students after ten years' service in the ministry, which overture was at the last meeting of Synod referred to the Board, the following action was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That after a student serves ten years in the ministry of the Reformed Church, his obligation to the Board shall be cancelled.

The next annual meeting of the Board will be held in Chambersburg, Pa., at the residence of Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., July 18, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The terms of the following members expire, viz: Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel and J. H. Hoffheins, D.D.

The unexpired term of Rev. C. A. Santee must also be filled at this meeting of Synod.

The Board requests an appropriation for the ensuing year of two thousand five hundred dollars.

The following is the organization of the Board: President, Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. John W. Pontius, and Treasurer, Rev. J. David Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL T. ROSSITER, *President.*

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer.

J. David Miller, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, July 25, 1904.....	\$	3	91
From Carlisle Classis.....		115	05
“ Mercersburg Classis		204	64
“ Maryland Classis		710	00
“ Gettysburg Classis		522	00
“ Juniata Classis		150	00
“ Virginia Classis		86	00
“ Emanuel's Church, Hanover		50	00
“ Ed. Lingenfelter (refunded)		100	00
“ Rev. Chas. B. Rebert		30	00
“ First National Bank, Everett, Pa., (loan)		1,850	00
“ Advanced by Treasurer.....		16	45
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Ed. S. Lamar.....	\$	150	00
“ Edw. A. G. Herman		150	00
“ George Missal		150	00
“ John H. Detrich		150	00
“ Vernon S. Rice		150	00
“ Chas. Edw. Myers		150	00
“ Dallas R. Krebs		150	00
“ Linden H. Rice		150	00
“ Milton Whitener		150	00
“ John A. Ditzler		150	00
“ Arthur W. Barley		150	00
“ Ira S. Monn		150	00
“ Irwin S. Ditzler		150	00
“ Chalmers W. Walck		150	00
“ First National Bank, Everett		1,738	05
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			\$3,838 05

LIABILITIES.

Note in bank, due Sept. 6, 1905.....	\$161	95
Discount on loans.....	21	55
Advanced by Treasurer	16	45
Postage	1	80
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		\$201 75

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER,
Treasurer of Board of Education.

Audited by REVS. W. C. CREMER and P. A. DeLONG.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In behalf of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg Academy, it gives me great pleasure to report that the institution is in a highly flourishing condition. The total enrollment for the school year which closed on May 31st, 1905, was 360 boys, and 85 of these were regularly graduated and received their diplomas. The majority of the graduates, as well as a few boys from the lower classes, have entered college. Those who have not entered college have gone into business.

The financial report for the year which closed on May 31st, is as follows:

Total amount of tuition received.....	\$88,858 96
Total amount of school expenses.....	75,399 58
Clearings for the year.....	<u>\$13,459 38</u>

During the past year a number of subscriptions have been made by friends of the institution. The largest subscription, namely, the sum of \$5,000, was received from Mr. Israel Laucks, of York, Pa. This amount will be used to start a new dormitory for the Academy. The new dormitory will accommodate fifty boys and two instructors. It will be built of brick and trimmed with stone in Tudor-Gothic style. The total cost of the building will be about \$20,000. Ground has already been broken for the dormitory. It is the purpose of the Building Committee to dig the cellar and build the foundation this fall and finish the building next summer, so that it will be ready for occupancy by September, 1906.

The total amount of gifts received during the past year was something over \$10,000.

The original piece of ground upon which the institution stood when the present administration began is four acres in extent. The Academy by lease and purchase now controls more than one hundred acres. Recently a piece of ground, containing between five and six acres, on which the school infirmary has been built, was formally transferred by deed to the Academy. This ground has been rented and used by the Academy during a period of five years. It is the policy of the Trustees to pay for one piece of ground each year. By this method the Campus will gradually reach the proportions intended and no heavy burden will be felt by the management.

The enrollment for the present year at this time is 353 boys. These boys are gathered from the majority of the States in the Union and from several foreign countries, three boys

being present from India and one from China. At the opening of school this year many boys were refused admission, because we did not have room to receive them. If the new dormitory had been finished, it could easily have been filled with students. The Faculty at the present time numbers twenty-two men, not including the Registrar, office help, School Physician, Librarian, School Pastor, etc.

Aside from the building of Laucks Hall, the school management is quietly gathering from the friends of the institution, and especially from the old boys, subscriptions for the new gymnasium. It is hoped that the total amount of subscriptions gathered during the present year will be large enough to justify us in breaking ground for this building in the near future. The gymnasium is one of the greatest needs of the school at the present time.

It is the ideal of the Board of Regents to equip and endow this institution, which is the exclusive property of the Potomac Synod, to such an extent that it will stand the peer of any similar institution in the country. The property of the Academy is improving yearly in value. The Board of Regents desires the Potomac Synod to give to this institution its prayers, its boys and a fair share of its contributions.

The term of office of the following members of the Board of Regents expire at this time:

The Rev. M. O. Noll.

The Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D.

The Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.

The Regents do not wish to dictate to the members of the Synod, but they wish to bear testimony, however, that the re-election of these three members would be helpful by reason of the fact that they are helping to carry certain obligations of the school at this time.

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., herewith presents its thirteenth annual report.

The Board was organized at the annual meeting in April by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary, and Adrian C. McCardell, Treasurer.

It gives us pleasure to report that the year ending June 7th was successful; that better results in college work were secured than ever before, and that the Commencement was full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

The total enrollment of students was 158, of which number 62 were boarders.

Six were graduated in the A.B. Course, five in Piano, one in Voice, and four in Art.

The gross earnings for the year were \$22,463.63.

The gross expenditures for the year were \$22,325.11.

Receipts over expenditures, \$138.52.

Some accounts of preceding years found to be impossible of collection, were charged off to the amount of \$231.51, thereby reducing our assets to that extent.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., on July 7th, 1905, were \$7,153.63.

All rentals of buildings are paid.

The several accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and the Treasurer of the Current Expenses have been examined and found correct.

The invested Endowment Fund is \$29,720.67.

The work of further endowment is in process of being accomplished. Among the encouraging facts to be named is the gift of \$5,000 by Maryland Classis. Up to this time there has been received in cash and reliable obligations nearly \$7,000.

The college buildings have been thoroughly renovated and are in excellent condition.

College Hall has been beautifully re-frescoed, new flooring leading from the front entrance to College Hall has been laid, and a "Modern Platform Fire Escape" has been erected on East Hall extending from the top floor to the ground, making the equipment of the institution complete in this respect. These improvements were made and paid for by the Board of the Frederick Female Seminary.

In order to properly preserve the renovated College Hall, to secure greater quiet throughout the building for study and to make better provision for the School of Expression, your Board has also leased the third story of Kemp Hall. The School of Art has now been transferred from the second to the third story, and the School of Expression has been removed to the second story, after the room had been suitably equipped for its special work.

The Kimball Pipe Organ secured several years ago has been paid for by the aid of generous friends.

A Gas Motor has recently been installed to operate the organ in place of hand power. It is an experiment which has not yet been fully tested.

The exhibit of the College at the St. Louis Exposition was awarded a Bronze Medal. A similar medal was awarded us at Buffalo and Charleston, so that this is the third honor of this kind won by competition.

Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., G. T. Shower, M.D., and Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph.D.

It is also the duty of this Synod to name a person to fill out the unexpired term of the late S. T. Wilfong, whose term of office would have expired in 1908.

The Trustees at the annual meeting, in response to a request from your reverend body, took the following action:

WHEREAS, The attention of this body was called by one of its members to a certain action of Potomac Synod, requesting the Trustees of Catawba College to take such action as will bring about a change in the charter of the College so as to bring the College into organic relation with the Potomac Synod; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That we, as Trustees of Catawba College, reaffirm our full confidence in the solemn compact entered into between said Synod and North Carolina Classis, whereby the nominating power of all the Trustees of the College was transferred from North Carolina Classis to the Potomac Synod.

2d, That we do not consider ourselves competent to take the initiative action effecting such change of charter, but believe such power to be vested in North Carolina Classis.

I conclude this report by expressing the confidence and hope that a brighter day awaits your school in the South. The institution which has striven for existence through long years of trials and adversities is now entering upon an era of prosperity. I am not unmindful of the fact that this condition is due in no small degree to the interest manifested by this body and the fostering care which you have exercised over it.

For this manifestation of Christian sympathy and co-operation, you have the sincere thanks of those upon whom the work in the South has rested most heavily.

Again commending this school to your love, sympathy, prayers and financial support, I submit this report.

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,

President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully submits to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1904-1905.

I. The Seminary year began Sept. 15, 1904, and was continued without interruption to May 11, 1905. The new professors have given universal satisfaction, the Faculty have labored together zealously, and the students have engaged in their work with renewed courage and brighter hope. For this

we have every reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church.

2. Ten students were admitted to the Junior class, all of whom are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College except two, Mr. McHose and Mr. Yearick. The latter is pursuing a partial course. The members of this class were advanced to Middlers after having passed a satisfactory examination. They are:

James Alfred Boehm,
Daniel David Brendle,
Lee Marcus Erdman,
Alfred Jasper Herman,
John Nathan LeVan,

Clarence Norton McHose,
Paul Bertram Rupp,
Charles Edgar Rupp,
Dennis Sipple,
Jonas Leidy Yearick.

3. The Middle class is composed of those who were reported last year as members of the Junior class, with the following exceptions. Mr. John F. Buchheit, who had discontinued his studies in the Seminary during the Middle year in order to teach, returned to the Seminary in Sept., 1904, and was admitted to this class. Two members of the class were advised to discontinue their studies for the ministry, of which fact due notice has been given to their respective Classes. One member of the class, Mr. Frederick Richards, departed this life, Aug. 16, 1904. This sad death added to the gloom which overshadowed the Seminary at the time. Mr. Richards was a zealous student, the youngest of his class and a "workman that needed not to be ashamed." After satisfactory examination the Middlers were advanced to the Senior class, except the two who were advised to discontinue.

4. The Senior class remains the same as a year ago. Mr. Marburger, of this class, by consent of the Faculty, was absent from the institution the whole year, having been called to the presidency of an Academy in New Berlin, Pa. He continued his studies, was examined with his class, and his examination was entirely satisfactory. But in view of his continued absence from the Seminary it was deemed best to withhold the testimonial. The usual testimonial was accorded the other members of the class.

John Hassler Detrich,
Charles F. Freeman,
E. Lewis Higbee,
C. Harry Kehm,
Henri L. G. Kieffer,
Edward Sinn Lamar.

*William D. Marburger,
Charles Edward Meyers,
Samuel Edmund Moyer,
Wm. C. Pittenbarger,
Charles Edgar Roth,
Cyrus George Shupe,

Jacob Wm. Zehring.

Absent by permission:

5. The Faculty has exercised careful supervision over the conduct of the students and reports them in general to have

been diligent in study, gentlemanly in deportment and exemplary in life.

6. Four students are pursuing the post-graduate course, viz: Rev. Edwin S. Leinbach in the Senior year, and Rev. Wm. H. Brong, Rev. Jerome Leinbach, and Rev. Irwin D. Schell in the Junior year.

7. In November, 1904, the Faculty of the Seminary and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees suggested to Mrs. Barbara Swander, Tiffin, Ohio, the propriety of changing the Lectureship founded by her to a Professorship. In accordance with this suggestion Mrs. Swander cheerfully consented to the change proposed in the use of the Swander Memorial Fund, and authorized her husband, the Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., to represent her in the mutual arrangement of all the necessary details in the matter.

In order to effect the suggested change the Faculty submitted to the Board of Visitors, and through the said Board, with its approval, to the Synods, the following recommendations:

I. That the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, be requested to so modify their respective action relating to the Swander Lectureship, taken during their annual sessions, in the year 1900, as to permit and approve the changes herewith proposed.

II. That the fund now set apart for the endowment of a Lectureship having been completed in the sum of (\$30,000) thirty thousand dollars be converted into an endowment fund for the maintenance of the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Professorship of Systematic Theology.

III. That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be directed to change all securities which they now hold as a lectureship fund so as to conform to the professorship fund.

IV. That the Board of Visitors, with the approval of the three Synods above named, appoint Dr. Swander Associate Professor in the Department of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that the services of Dr. Swander be such as shall be agreed upon by Professor Noss and himself, subject to the approval of the Faculty.

V. That the salary of the Associate Professor be the annual revenue derived from the invested fund; and should Mrs. Barbara Swander survive her husband the Board of Trustees, in further consideration of his professorial services, be directed to pay to her the sum of (\$1,200) twelve hundred dollars per annum during the remainder of her natural life.

The above recommendations were approved by the Board of Visitors and are respectfully submitted to your reverend body for such action as you may deem wise.

VI. Professor John M. Chambers served the Seminary as Professor of Oratory and arrangements were made with the Board of Trustees of the College to secure the continuance of his satisfactory labors. The Synods are hereby respectfully overtured to make provision for this purpose in the following sums: Eastern Synod, \$375; Pittsburgh Synod, \$125; Synod of the Potomac, \$250.

VII. The committee on the increase of the endowment of the Seminary has been continued, and the Faculty has appointed for the same work, Professors Richards and Noss, of the Eastern Synod, Professor Bowman, of the Pittsburgh Synod, and Professor Schaeffer, of the Synod of the Potomac.

VIII. The term of Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., of the Pittsburgh Synod, expires 1905.

IX. The officers of the Board are Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President, and Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 9, 1905.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find an abstract of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held May 11th, 1905, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander and wife increased the "Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund" by the addition of Ten Thousand Dollars, upon which the Board passed the following resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board and of the Church are due to Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander and Barbara Swander for this additional gift and that the Board accept the gift with gratitude.

The second meeting was held October 10th, 1905.

The following minute on the death of Messrs. Heilman and Schriver was adopted by the Board.

It is with deep sorrow that the Board of Trustees makes record of the death of two of its members within the present

year, Mr. George G. Heilman, Heilmandale, Pa., and Mr. Jacob H. Schriver, Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Heilman was a noble representative of an old historic family in the Reformed Church. He was a man of positive, sterling character, and of a well-balanced judgment, though of quiet, retiring disposition. In his devotion to the Church he never faltered. For eighteen years he was a faithful member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, although for several years on account of increasing infirmities, he was unable to attend regularly the meetings of the Board.

He was just such a type of man as to give honor to the Seminary in having his name perpetually linked to it as one of the founders of the Theological Library Building.

Mr. Jacob H. Schriver, of Hanover, Pa., became a member of the Board in 1901.

His genial disposition and modest demeanor at once won the respect and friendship of his fellow-members. He accepted his office as a call to service, and he stood ready to help forward every movement looking toward the advancement of the Seminary's interest.

Although among the last elected to the membership of the Board, he gave promise of becoming one of its most active and efficient members.

The Church, as well as the immediate family, have cause to sorrow deeply over his very sudden demise.

The members of the Board, while they mourn the departure of Mr. Heilman and Mr. Schriver from this sphere of active service, hereby extend their sympathy to the bereaved families, and make grateful record of their appreciation of the worthy Christian character and valuable services of the deceased.

During the past year the Board purchased two lots of ground, one on the north of the present ground fronting on Frederick street for \$3,500.00, and one on the northeast corner of James and Pine streets for \$5,750.00. By the purchase of the first-named lot the grounds extend to another street and are now bounded by a street on each side. The second lot was necessary for the new professors' houses. The Board respectfully asks the approval of the purchase by the Synods.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, Ground has been secured for the erection of two professors' houses, one for the use of a professor of the Eastern Synod, and one for the use of a professor of the Potomac Synod,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the construction of said houses on the ground at the northeast cor-

ner of West James and Pine streets and recommends the appointment of a building committee, which shall superintend the construction of said houses, the committee to consist of nine members, three from the Seminary faculty, viz: Professors Gast, Bowman and Schaeffer, three from the Board of Trustees, viz: John B. Roth, Israel Laucks and William R. Barnhart, and three from the Synods, one from the Eastern Synod, one from the Potomac Synod and one from the Pittsburgh Synod, each Synod appointing its own representative at its next meeting, and

Resolved, That until other provision be made for the payment of the buildings, it is recommended that the Synods provide for the payment of the interest on the money expended in their construction in the proportion usually observed between the Synods. The following resolution was also adopted.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$3,600 toward the payment of the expenses of the Seminary in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$1,800 00
Potomac Synod.....	1,200 00
Pittsburgh Synod.....	600 00

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

Treasurer's Report.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

For sundry interests and incomes received from October 1, 1904, to October 1, 1905	\$ 8,317 80
Oct. 1. Amount of balance due Endowment Fund.....	8,933 95
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	\$17,251 75

CR.

By salary accounts and sundry bills paid per vouchers from October 1, 1904, to October 1, 1905.....	\$17,251 75
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LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

DR.

1904.	
Oct. 1. To amount of Fund—principal.....	\$ 1,819 96
1905.	
Jan. 5. For amount of bequest received from ex- ecutors of Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D.....	\$ 500 00
Less State tax and recording fees.....	26 60
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	473 40
1905.	
Oct. 1. Amount of Fund	\$ 2,293 36

Dr.

Mch. 31.	For interest on coal bond to Apr. 1, 1905..	\$ 15 00	
Apr. 4.	For interest on note to Apr. 1, 1905.....	2 50	
Sept. 13.	For interest on Fund to Oct. 1, 1905.....	66 98	
13.	For interest on coal bond to Oct. 1, 1905..	15 00	
		<hr/>	99 48

Cr.

1904.			
Oct. 1.	By balance due treasurer of Fund.....	\$ 46 47	
8.	By bills paid per voucher.....	58 28	
		<hr/>	104 75
1905.			
Oct. 1.	Amount Dr. brought down.....		99 48
	Balance due Treasurer of Fund.....	\$ 5 27	

SMALTZ FUND ACCOUNT, FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Principal is\$ 5,000 00

Dr.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	For interest on Fund to date.....	\$ 250 00	

Cr.

Sept. 13.	By interest paid John Hertzler, Treas. of Beneficiary Board	250 00	
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WILLIAM A. WIEST FUND.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	Endowment	\$ 833 33	
	Interest on this Fund accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary	41 66	

SCHIAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of principal of Fund is.....	\$ 2,000 75	

Dr.

1904.			
May 8.	For balance due Fund.....	\$ 3 31	
1905.			
May 8.	For interest on same to date.....	94 20	
		<hr/>	97 51

Cr.

1905.			
May 8.	By amount paid prize, per award of com. to C. E. Myers	\$ 100 00	
	Express charge and purse	1 00	
		<hr/>	101 00
	Amount Dr. brought down		97 51
May 8.	Amount due Treasurer of Fund.....		3 49

SEMINARY CLASS '92.

1904.			
May 8.	Principal	\$ 486 68	

Dr.

1905.
May 8. For interest on bond to date.....\$ 24 15

Cr.

May 8. By amount paid Mr. Buchheit, per
award of Com.\$20 00
Charges paid 50
Balance added to principal.....20 50 3 65
May 8. Amount of principal May 8, 1905.....\$ 490 33

JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

Principal\$ 2,000 00

Dr.

1905
May 2. For interest on Fund to Apr. 1, 1905.....\$ 100 00

Cr.

May 8. By award of com. to Mr. Buchheit.....\$ 60 00
By Mr. Eyler 40 00
100 00

JACOB L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of Fund\$15,680 00

1905.
Oct. 1. All interest on this Fund is accounted for in the
Treasurer's account of current expenses of the
Theological Seminary to Oct. 1, 1905.

JACOB FORNEY SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund\$ 1,000 00

1904.

Dr.

Oct. 1. For amount balance due Fund.....\$ 51 27
1905.
Sept. 13. For interest due to Oct. 1, 1905..... 45 00
96 27

Cr.

1905.
By bills paid per voucher.....30 50

1905.
Oct. 1. Balance due Fund\$ 65 77

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

Amount of Fund\$ 1,000 00

Dr.

1904
Oct. 1. For amount balance due Fund\$ 79 68
1905.
Oct. 1. For interest to Oct. 1, 1905..... 45 00
124 68

CR.

1905.	By bills paid per voucher.....	11
1905. Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$ 113

HENRY WIRT SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

1905. Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	\$ 1,000
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DR.

1904. Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$ 59 19
1905. Oct. 1.	For interest to date	45 00
		<u>\$ 104</u>

CR.

1905. Mch. 20.	By bill paid per voucher.....	\$ 4
1905. Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$ 99

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

1904. Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund	\$ 4,000
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DR.

1905.	For amount balance due Fund.....	\$ 100 00
May 1.	For interest to April 1, 1905.....	180 00
Sept. 13.	For interest to Oct. 1, 1905.....	90 00
		<u>\$ 370</u>

CR.

1905.	By bills paid per voucher.....	118
1905. Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$ 251

SEMINARY CLASS '94 ALCOVE FUND.

1904. July 1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of Seminary Treasurer for collection	\$ 981
1905. Oct. 1.	Notes paid to date	\$ 563 00
	Notes unpaid to date	418 00
		<u>981</u>
	Amount of notes paid, brought down	\$ 563
	Amount of interest in hands of Treasurer as credit on Fund	132

1905. Oct. 1.	Total cash in hand	\$ 695
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APPEL LOT ON JAMES STREET.

1904. Oct. 10.	Price paid for same	\$ 5,750
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DR.

Dec. 19.	Paid on account	\$1,000 00	
1905.			
Feb. 17.	Paid in full and deed	4,750 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 5,750 00

CR.

May 11.	By cash paid on same by Pittsburgh Synod.....	350 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 5,400 00

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

DR.

For amount received from—

1904.			
Oct. 18.	Treasurer of Potomac Synod	\$ 200 00	
Oct. 19.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	163 70	
Oct. 22.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	94 00	
1905.			
Jan. 2.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	110 60	
Mch. 22.	Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	325 00	
24.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	170 35	
May 6.	Rev. H. J. Hillegas, Potomac.....	10 10	
10.	Treasurer of Potomac Synod	150 00	
25.	George Hill, Treas. E. Susq. Classis.....	98 71	
June 5.	Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	300 00	
6.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	650 02	
Sept. 16.	Treasurer of Potomac Synod	450 00	
16.	Treasurer of Eastern Synod	96 23	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,818 71

CR.

1905.			
Oct. 1.	By amount paid interest on Funds as follows:		
	On \$8,150 97 due Seminary Endowment Fund,		
	On 763 00 due James Street lot,		
	On 775 00 due Evans lot,		
	On 1,391 30 due janitor's house,		
	On 5,750 00 due Appel lot,		
	<u>\$16,830 27</u>	697 75	
	Balance due Aid Fund	\$ 2,120 96	
1905.			
Sept. 18.	Balance due Aid Fund, charged to Treasurer as income	\$ 2,120 96	

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO OCTOBER 1, 1905.

	Amount of Endowment Fund, general..	\$96,131 29	
July 6.	Amount received from Wilhelm estate per J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College	302 54	
		<u> </u>	\$ 96,433 83
	Endowment Fund—J. Riegel, special...	\$15,680 00	
	Endowment Fund—W. A. Wilt, special.	833 33	
		<u> </u>	\$112,947 16

Library Fund.....	\$ 2,293 36
Smaltz Fund	5,000 00
Class '92 Prize Fund	490 33
Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75
Jacob Forney Alcove Fund	1,000 00
Henry Wirt Alcove Fund	1,000 00
A. Keiser and C. W. Schriver Fund....	1,000 00
Seminary Class '94 Alcove Fund.....	981 00
J. Y. Dietz Library Fund	4,000 00
J. Y. Dietz Prize Fund	2,000 00
Pittsburg Synod Endowment Fund.....	30,500 00
	<hr/> \$163,212 60

PITTSBURGH SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUND.

1905.
Oct. 1. Amount of Fund\$30,500 00
DR.

1905.
Oct. 1. For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1905.....\$ 1,830 00
CR.

1905.
Oct. 1. By amount paid Rev. Dr. John C. Bowman, Pitts-
burgh Synod Professor, per vouchers..... 1,830 00
Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. ROTH,

*Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the
United States.*

Lancaster, Pa., October 2, 1905.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Theological Seminary as presented by the Treasurer, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN HERTZLER.

Lancaster, Pa., October 9, 1905.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the late Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, the following degrees were conferred:

The degree of A.B. upon the following members of the Senior Class:

John Wilberforce Appel, Jr.
George Allen Bickel.
Theodore Clarence Brown.
Colin Cameron, Jr.
John Denlinger Charles.
Leon Drill Dayhoff.
Werner Elster DeTurck.
Oswin Stricker Frantz.
John Showalter Galt, Jr.
Carl Leonard O. Graul.
William Wilson Heinitsh.
Edgar Franklin Hoffmeier.
Norman Louis Horn.
Arthur Hambleton Hull.
Allen Kilheffer.

George Albright Land.
Roy Mumma Lehman.
Wayne Kalbach Leinbach.
Sylvester Kline Loy.
James Martin Lohr.
Herbert Hoffer Risser.
Paul Nicholas Schaeffer.
Isaiah Herr Seitz.
Mortimer Lawrence Shuford
Warren Edwin Snyder.
John Baer Stoudt.
George Myron Swan.
Robert John Titzel.
Rufus William G. Wint.
William Nevin Yearick.

And the degree of Ph.B. upon the following:

Francis Thompson Ewing.
Lloyd Ephraim Strohm.
Landis Tanger.

The degree of A.M. for graduate work done in residence was conferred upon:

John Ahlum Schaeffer.
Roland Brubaker Styer.

At the request of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, the degree of B.D. was conferred upon the Rev. Edwin S. Leinbach.

The degree of A.M. in course was conferred upon the following:

Willian. Krichbaum, '95.
William L. Smith, '95.
Glenn C. Heller, '98.
Walter K. Baer, '01.
William K. Kretchman, '01.
Oliver Scott Schaeffer, '01.
Everett H. Sperow, '01.
John F. Buchheit, '02.
Daniel L. Evans, '02.
Ira L. Frankenfield, '02.
Albert V. Lampe, '02.
John B. Ludy, '02.
William D. Marburger, '02.

David I. Schaeffer, '98.
Charles E. Haupt, Jr., '00.
Charles A. Lauffer, '00.
J. C. Petre, '02.
Charles E. Roth, '02.
C. George Shupe, '02.
Luther F. Stoudt, '02.
Calvin N. Wenrich, '02.
William R. Weaver, '02.
Henry C. Welker, '02.
John P. Wentling, '02.
Arthur L. Yoder, '02.
Ralph E. Yoder, '02.

Jacob W. Zehring, '02.

The following honorary degrees were conferred:

D.D.
Rev. Prof. Melancthon Coover.
Rev. Thomas S. Land.
Litt.D.
Theodore Wright, Philadelphia.

On the whole, the condition of the College during the past year has been prosperous. The number of students enrolled was 186 in the College and 185 in the Academy, as over against 180 in the College and 184 in the Academy during the previous year.

At the beginning of the present year there is a large increase in the number of students. Seventy-six new students were enrolled; the actual attendance is 188; and the enrollment for the year will exceed 200. This shows that the work done in the field is not only securing funds for the College, but is also making the College better known, and, notwithstanding the keen rivalry of competing colleges, is adding largely to its patronage.

During the summer vacation the Chapel of the College was greatly improved and beautified. The walls were frescoed,

new windows were put in, the floors newly carpeted, the lighting facilities improved, and an electric motor secured for the organ. The improvements cost about \$2,000, of which sum St. Stephen's Church undertook to provide about \$1,700. The motor was paid for out of a special fund raised for this purpose by Mrs. J. B. Kieffer.

The work of instruction has been faithfully carried out, all the professors having diligently attended to their work. Dr. Dubbs received leave of absence from the beginning of April that he might enjoy a well-deserved period of rest in foreign travel. Profs. Schiedt, Wagner and Hartman also spent their summer vacation in Europe, and the rest and inspiration received in this way will, no doubt, inure to the great advantage of their work in behalf of the College.

The only difficulty experienced during the year in the maintenance of good order was in the occurrence of several cases of hazing, one of which proved of a rather serious character. The action of the Faculty, taken in consultation with the Board of Trustees Committee on Discipline, to inflict such punishment as under the circumstances seemed expedient, and to give public notice that, hereafter, all cases of hazing should be turned over for prosecution and punishment to the civil authorities is in force, and it is expected that it will reach the end in view.

1. It will be remembered that in 1893, at the suggestion of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees abolished the conferring of the honorary degrees of A.M. and Ph.D. and instituted an arrangement by which these degrees could be secured for work done under the supervision of the Faculty with such regulations and safeguards as might seem necessary. The whole subject was brought up again by the action of the Advisory Council of Alumni taken last year, and the Faculty this year submitted to the Board of Trustees the following action.

1. That we owe it to ourselves as well as to the aspirants for such a degree, to petition the Board of Trustees to abolish the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) after the scholastic year of 1906-1907, and to order the passage relating to this degree to be omitted from the next catalogue.

2. In compliance with the request of the Advisory Council of Alumni we suggest to the same Board to abolish after the present year the conferring of the Master's degree in course hitherto given to our own graduates three years after graduation. Instead we suggest:

1. That the Master's degree be given one year after graduation to resident students, or two years after graduation to non-resident students, who have completed a course of grad-

uate study, consisting of one major and one minor covering not less than ten recitation hours in the former and five recitation hours in the latter case, and have presented an original thesis on the major subject, satisfactory to the professor in charge.

2. That the major course shall consist of strictly post-graduate work in any branch, undergraduate preparation of which has been completed under the chief requirements of the specific undergraduate degree.

3. That the minor course may consist of undergraduate work more thoroughly elaborated.

4. That each member, of the Faculty be requested to write out what he considers his chief undergraduate requirements, and in connection therewith present a scheme covering the major and minor requirements for the Master's degree in his department.

The Board of Trustees acted favorably on the propositions submitted, and the policy of the College in the future will be shaped accordingly.

II. The Faculty recommended to the Board of Trustees that in the appointment of a Physical Instructor special attention be given as to his ability to give regular physical training to all the students in the gymnasium during the regular periods assigned for this purpose. Steps have been taken to make gymnasium practice as efficient as possible, and improvements have been made in the building with this end in view.

III. The Rev. Dr. Elmer E. Powell, who for the last five years filled the Chair of Modern Languages, handed in his resignation with a view to the acceptance of a position as Professor of Philosophy in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Powell rendered faithful and effective service, and we parted with him with regret. The resignation was accepted, and the vacancy caused by this resignation was filled by the election of Frank Clifton Smith, Ph.D.

IV. The salary of Prof. C. Nevin Heller was increased by \$150, so as to be \$1,350. Prof. Heller has been Assistant Professor of Ancient Languages since 1895 and has done excellent work. His abundant and successful labors in the College deserve recognition, and the cost of living in Lancaster and his family expenses are such as to make an increase of salary exceedingly desirable.

V. Prof. John Milton Chambers was again appointed, in connection with the Theological Seminary, as Professor of Oratory on the same terms as last year; and Prof. Herbert H. Beck was elected Assistant Professor of Chemistry, the salary and conditions to be the same as agreed upon last year.

VI. During the past year a number of additions have been secured to the Museum, and progress has been made in the securing of cases for its equipment. It was found that the Wistar Institute, of Philadelphia, was putting steel cases in its museum, and a number of excellent wooden cases were therefore offered for sale. As there was some money available for the purpose, it was felt that these cases ought to be secured, and they are now set up in the Museum and appear to be admirably adapted for our purpose. They cost \$660, and it is hoped that we shall be able to purchase additional cases and have the specimens of the College, as well as those of the Linnean Society, arranged in order. During the summer vacation Prof. Beck spent a great deal of time on the classification and arrangement of our geological and mineralogical specimens, and with the new cases secured and in prospect, we shall soon have a very fine collection in our Museum.

VII. The finances of the College are in good condition. The details of the year's operations appeared from the Treasurer's report and the report of Mr. Hartman, assistant to the President, who has been conducting the canvass in the field for the increase of the endowment. It is encouraging to see that the excess of expenditures over income during the past year is not as great as it was during previous years. During the year 1903-1904 there was a deficit of \$4,655.21. During the year 1904-1905 the deficit was only \$2,992.72. This, as I have said, is encouraging; but still it is a deficit, and it is highly important that the canvass for the \$150,000 to be added to the endowment be pressed to its successful conclusion, and that as speedily as possible.

VIII. Two circumstances have arisen to complicate the situation and to make strenuous efforts for the securing of additional funds highly important. Some time ago we made application to Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a contribution, stating that the three objects most needed at the present time were an increase of the endowment fund, the erection of a new Academy building, and the erection of a students' dormitory. Mr. Carnegie replied, generously offering either \$30,000 as a contribution to the endowment fund, or \$37,500 to the erection of a new Academy building, on condition that a similar amount be raised by the College for the same purpose. In consultation with the Finance Committee and the local Trustees it was felt that the offer of \$37,500 toward the erection of a new Academy building was on the whole, most advantageous to the College. The \$150,000 additional endowment, we feel confident, will be secured if the work is pressed to its conclusion as it has now been carried forward in the different Synods. A new Academy building will se-

cure to the College a large number of new students and thus increase the income from students' fees; at the same time that it will offer better facilities for the education of the boys and young men who look forward to a course in College. In addition to this, an increased number of students will secure for the College, under the new arrangement which will necessarily have to be effected, a considerable income from the Academy which will be, virtually, the securing of interest from the money put into the Academy building as so much additional endowment to the College. In view of this fact, it was agreed to accept Mr. Carnegie's offer, and the Board of Trustees approved of this action.

IX. The growth of Lancaster city toward the west and northwest is enhancing the value of real estate in that portion of the city, and the land which surrounds the grounds of the College is rapidly being put on the market and will soon be built up. A tract of land to the west of the College grounds was thus put upon the market, and as this was perhaps the last opportunity to secure it at a much more reasonable rate than it could be had hereafter, the College was virtually forced to make arrangements for buying this ground. The Finance Committee and local Trustees, therefore, made arrangements to secure this ground for the College at a cost of \$32,000, and the Board of Trustees approved the purchase. This will necessitate the raising of an additional amount to meet the emergency.

It will be seen, therefore, that the present conditions are such as to require special effort on the part of all friends of the College. The opportunities before us are great, and this is the time to secure advantages which will prove of permanent benefit to the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,
President Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday morning, which report was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report as follows:

The following documents were referred to it: The annual report of Jno. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; the report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary; the report of the Board

of Visitors; the report of the Joint Committee of Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods to co-operate with the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees in an effort to increase the endowment of the Seminary; a report of the Faculty of the Seminary with reference to a movement looking toward the increase of the number of students for the ministry and the larger endowment of the Seminary; the catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College; the report of Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D.; the report of the Board of Regents, Mercersburg Academy; the report of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.; the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College; the catalogue of the same institution; the catalogue of Franklin and Marshall Academy; the catalogue of Massanutten Academy; the report of the Board of Education of Potomac Synod, and the report of the Board of Trustees of Synod.

From the several documents relating to the work of the Theological Seminary, we learn that the Swander Memorial Fund has been changed from a lectureship to a professorship; that the three Synods are requested to so modify their respective action relating to the Swander lectureship taken during their annual session in the year 1900 as to permit and approve the changes herewith proposed; that Prof. John M. Chambers is continued as Professor of Oratory in the Seminary, and that Synod is asked to assume \$250 toward his support; that the committee on the increase of the endowment of the Seminary has been continued, and that the Faculty appointed for the same work certain members of its body; that the Board of Trustees during the year purchased two lots of ground, the one lot to be added to the Seminary campus, the other to be used for the erection of Professors' houses; that said Board has authorized the construction of these houses and recommends the formation of a committee of nine to superintend the construction of said houses; that the Synod provide for the payment of the interest on money expended in their construction in the proportion usually observed between the Synods; that Potomac Synod is requested to apportion \$1,200 towards the payment of the annual expenses of the Seminary.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the plan outlined in the report of the Board of Visitors to change the Swander lectureship to a professorship and adopts the same.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the continuance of Prof. Jno. M. Chambers as Professor of Oratory, and assumes \$250 towards his support.

III. *Resolved*, That the action of the Joint Committee of the three Synods and the Board of Trustees and of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary in appointing the several professors

as a committee on the increase of the endowment, be approved.

IV. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the action of the Board of Trustees in the purchase of two lots of ground.

V. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the proposition of the Board of Trustees for the erection of two Professors' houses, and hereby designates Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., as its representative on the committee to superintend their construction.

VI. *Resolved*, That Synod agrees to accept its portion of the apportionment to provide for the payment of the interest on the money expended in the erection of said houses, viz: one-third.

VII. *Resolved*, That Synod assumes \$1,200 towards the annual expenses of the Seminary.

From President Stahr's report, we learn that the present year was commenced under very favorable conditions, the increase in the number of students being very marked; that 76 new students were enrolled; that the actual attendance is 188, and that the enrollment for the year will exceed 200; that the chapel of the College was greatly improved and beautified during the summer; that a change has been instituted in the conferring of degrees; that additions have been made to the equipment of the College; that a new Academy Building is contemplated; that the work of raising the \$150,000 additional endowment is being steadily prosecuted, and that additional ground was purchased by the authorities of the College.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the marked prosperity of the College, and pledges its heartiest co-operation in the effort to enlarge the efficiency, the growth and the influence of the institution.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices with the College in the generous offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of the sum of \$37,500 to the erection of a new Academy Building, and hereby gratefully acknowledges the same.

.III. *Resolved*, That Synod requests its pastors and people to co-operate in so far as practicable with the representatives of the College in raising this year the Synod's share of \$150,000 for additional endowment.

IV. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod appoints a committee of one in each Classis which did not appoint such committee at their last annual meeting to co-operate in this work.

From the report of the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg Academy, we learn that the enrollment during the past year was 360; that 85 of these were regularly graduated and received their diplomas; that the clearings for the year were over \$13,000; that a new dormitory is in process of erection;

that the Board is aggressive and has the ideal set before it of making the Academy the peer of any similar institution in the country.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the remarkable growth and prosperity of the Academy, and hereby expresses its appreciation of the industry and wisdom and tact of those into whose care the institution has been committed.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod takes pride in the location of a school so worthy within its bounds, and hereby pledges its hearty support to the attainment of still greater growth and more marked efficiency.

From the report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, we learn that the past year was successful; that better results in College work were secured than ever before; that the total enrollment of students was 158; that the net profit for the year was \$138.52; that the work of further endowment is in process of being accomplished; that the exhibit of the College at the St. Louis Exposition was awarded a Bronze Medal; that the equipment of the school along various lines was made more complete.

I. *Resolved*, That Synod agrees with the Board of Directors in the thought that the College deserves no secondary place in the plans and provisions of Synod for the future, and hereby urges the claims of the College upon the parents for the higher education of their daughters.

II. *Resolved*, That permission is hereby given to the Board of Directors to so change the charter of the College as to increase the number of said Board by the addition of two members chosen by the five who shall be elected by Potomac Synod as heretofore.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, we learn that the past school year was very successful and highly satisfactory; that the number enrolled was 163; that eight of this number were graduated; that action has been taken to erect an addition to the present College Building; that the fund of \$20,000 given for the purpose of establishing a Theological Professorship was changed, with the consent of the donor, to a fund to aid worthy young men studying for the ministry; that Classes failed to pay full amount apportioned for the College; that over \$8,000 of the amount pledged by Synod remains yet to be raised; that the Trustees of the College did not see their way clear to so change the charter, as requested by Synod, as to bring the College into organic relation with the Synod.

I. *Resolved*, That in the present stage of development in the affairs of Catawba College, we recommend that there be no disturbance of present relations.

II. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the forward movement that has been taken to place Catawba College in a position the better to fulfil its mission of ministering to the educational needs of the South.

III. *Resolved*, That the several Classes again be urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College, and that pastors be urged to give all possible assistance toward increasing the endowment of the College.

IV. *Resolved*, That this Synod requests and urges North Carolina Classis to direct the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the College to make to the Treasurer of Synod a full and definite statement of all funds contributed to the endowment of Catawba College as pertains to the pledge of Synod, setting forth the investments of the funds, in whose custody said investments are to be found, so that the Board of Trustees of the Synod may have knowledge of the same.

From the report of the Board of Education, we learn that the receipts for the year were \$3,838.05; that 13 young men are receiving aid at present. We learn further, that the Board desires permission to use its own discretion in the matter of requiring beneficiary students to give bonds, and that action was taken by the Board with reference to an overture referred to it by Synod. Also, that \$2,500 is requested for the coming year.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod allows the Board hereafter to use its own discretion in accepting the personal obligation of beneficiary students, without bond, and in giving aid from the beginning of the Freshman year.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod approves of the action of the Board that after a student serves ten years in the ministry of the Reformed Church his obligation to the Board shall be cancelled.

3. *Resolved*, That the request for \$2,500 be accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the Classes.

P. A. DeLONG,
J. S. KIEFFER, D.D.,
E. R. ESCHBACH, D.D.,
ISRAEL LAUCKS,
J. GASSMAN.

The President appointed the following persons on the committee called for in resolution 4 of the Report of the Committee on Education. Franklin and Marshall College:

Zion's Classis. Rev. R. L. Bair; Mennersburg Classis. Rev. E. O. Keen; Virginia Classis. Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D.; North Carolina Classis. Rev. J. H. Keller; Gettysburg Classis, Rev. J. H. Smith; Juniata Classis. Rev. C. F. Althouse.

Endowment of Woman's College.

The Committee on the Endowment of the Woman's College presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee charged to co-operate with the Board of Directors of the Woman's College in the matter of the increase of the endowment of the college respectfully reports that on November 4, 1904, the committee held a conference with President Apple and organized its membership and the work entrusted to it.

This beginning was made in an atmosphere of bright hope. After having listened attentively to the discussion of the interests of the College by your Reverend Body at Everett and closely following the action taken by you there, Mr. Israel Laucks, a member of the Synod, had volunteered to start the new movement by a gift of five hundred dollars. This offer he has since increased to one thousand dollars. He had also suggested that twenty such gifts as his, in its original amount, would accomplish the Synod's purpose.

Your committee at once planned in accord with this suggestion. An effort was made to secure the services of a desirable man who might give his chief attention to the canvass of the Synod, under the direction of President Apple. Not one of the men who were in the mind of the committee was found available for this service and the effort was abandoned.

In May, 1905, the Maryland Classis generously arose to the occasion. This body, to whom the Synod, of course, has reason to look for leadership among all the Classes in devotion to the interests of the Woman's College, quietly and deliberately resolved to pay five thousand dollars from its treasury to the endowment fund of the College, instead of opening its territory to the canvass as originally contemplated.

These two gifts are the largest results that your committee is able to trace to your action of last year. We wish that we might with authority declare that they are the first-fruits of a harvest of glad and free-handed gifts by the Church to the cause which the Woman's College lives to serve. May we not at least plead with the Synod to renew and to increase for another year the effort to gather the ten thousand dollars which the generous-hearted individual supporter of the Woman's College has by the offer of five thousand challenged us to consecrate to this cause. The total returns from your action at Everett are: Cash received, \$6,350; pledges, \$65; total, \$6,415.

Your committee is persuaded that this cause of Woman's Education, which the Synod for twelve years has been seeking

to advance in decided and devoted ways, has a permanent claim upon the Church of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Synod cannot in the case before it abandon this incomplete response to a worthy challenge and still preserve its highest self-respect and its fullest enthusiasm in every other good work.

In consequence of the course of action followed by your committee, as already indicated, only the one meeting of the committee was called. President Apple was frequently in conference with the individual members of the committee. Each member rendered such service as the president of the College indicated to him; and, as a committee, we feel that we have done what we could. We are therefore ready to return to your Reverend Body the trust which you committed to us.

The incidental expenses of our work have been met thus far by the College and no demands have been made upon your treasury.

F. A. RUPLEY, JR.,
M. O. NOLL.

Catawba College.

President George A. Snyder, D.D., presented the following as an account of his work as agent to raise the \$10,075.16 due on the \$17,000 endowment promised by Synod:

To the Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Having been entrusted with the responsibility of canvassing the Synod for the purpose of meeting its obligation toward the endowment fund of Catawba College, the deficit on the same at the last meeting being \$10,075.16, with arrearage on interest of \$2,654.13, I beg leave to submit the following:

Upon leaving Synod, at Everett, Pa., I continued the work of presenting the claims of Catawba College in Juniata Classis in all the charges which opened to me. I also visited one charge in the Classis of Gettysburg. In all these charges I was most cordially received, and quite a number responded in an encouraging manner. This work covered the time up to the 12th of December. At this time I returned to Newton, where on account of my duties in connection with Catawba College, I was required to remain until the middle of July, when I came north and visited three charges, two in Gettysburg Classis and one in Zion's Classis. In addition to this, Prof. J. Allen Garrison visited two charges in Maryland Classis in the same interest, where he was kindly received and where he succeeded in increasing the interest in Catawba College. The total time given to this canvassing was about ten weeks, and I am privileged to report having secured in cash and disbursements \$14,181.15, which

amount added to the amount previously raised for this same purpose leaves \$8,657.11 as a deficit on the amount of \$17,000.00 obligated by Synod.

While there may be disappointment in the report herewith submitted that no larger amount has been raised, it must be remembered that the character of the work in connection with the presidency of Catawba College was such that not much time could be given to the specific work of canvassing in the interest of the endowment fund.

I desire also to report that owing to the special work of enlarging Catawba College and equipping the same in a proper way, the time and energy of the president must of necessity be given to this work, that funds may be secured for the immediate use of the College, and for the time being the increase of the endowment fund must take second place.

Thanking your honorable body for all encouragement hitherto given to Catawba College, and praying for an open door to the claims of this College of the Reformed Church in the South, I respectfully submit this report.

GEORGE ALBERT SNYDER.

The committees on items 1, 12, 13 and 17 (Minutes of Synod), reported. Their several reports were read and adopted as follows:

Inauguration of Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer.

Report of the Committee on the Installation of Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., at Lancaster, Pa.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee appointed at the special meeting of Synod held at Carlisle, June 14 and 15, 1904, begs to offer its final report. As reported last year, the call was extended to Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., in accordance with your instruction, and he accepted the same. During the current Synodical year we also attended to the additional duty of arranging for and installing him to his office as Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Theology.

The installation services were held in connection with those of Rev. Christopher Noss, Eastern Synod's Professor of Systematic Theology, on Friday, Jan. 13, 1905, in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster. The following was the program of the installation services, as arranged for by your committee in connection with Eastern Synod's committee:

Invocation, Rev. John M. Schick, D.D.; hymn, No. 365; reading of Rom. 10-17, and prayer, by Rev. John A. Hoffheins, D.D.; hymn announced by Rev. J. Harvey Mickley; reading of the Call, by Rev. E. Ranson Deatricks, B.D.; reading of the

letter of acceptance, by the Rev. I. N. Peightel; charge to the Professor-elect, by Rev. M. O. Noll; administration of the oath of office, by the Rev. Joseph W. Santee, D.D.; inaugural address, by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.; closing hymn, 477, followed by doxology; closed with benediction by Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D.

The following item of expenses were incurred: Expenses of the committee, Rev. E. R. Deatruck, \$3.50; Miles O. Noll, \$7.00. We therefore ask that your treasurer be authorized to pay these expenses. We also ask that your treasurer be instructed to pay Prof. W. C. Schaeffer's rent amounting to \$25.00 per month out of the apportionment made for the payment of our share of the lots purchased by the Board of Seminary Trustees, until the new house he is to occupy is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL,
E. R. DEATRICK.

The Board of Visitors of this Synod have to report that the inaugural addresses of Profs. Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss were published in good form at a total cost of \$258.65, and that our portion was one-third of said amount, namely, \$86.22, for which sum we ask an order on the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of Board,
Oct. 18, 1905. E. R. ESCHBACH.

Seminary Day.

The committee appointed to confer with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully report as follows:

Your committee met the committees of the above Synods and the Faculty, January 12, 1905, in the Reading Room of the Theological Seminary, and after due consideration of the subject, unanimously agreed to the designation of the first Lord's day in September of each year as Seminary Day.

The expenses of the committee were promptly paid by the treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
SIMON S. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Endowment of the Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed a year ago (vide p. 59, Minutes of 1904) to co-operate with a committee of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., to increase the endowment of the Seminary, report

that we have attended to the duty. The two members of the committee, whose names are attached to this report, attended the meeting of all the several committees at Lancaster, Pa. Two sessions were held on the 12th and 13th of last January. The results of those meetings are embodied in the report of the chairman and secretary of the joint committee, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK,
F. L. KERR.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Joint Committee of the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, appointed a year ago, at the request of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and the Eastern Synod, to co-operate with these bodies in an effort to increase the endowment of the Seminary, met at the call of the Rev. C. B. Schneder, Chairman of the Committee of the Eastern Synod, in the Reading Room of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa., January 12th, 1905, all the Synods concerned and the Faculty, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees being represented.

The committee organized by the election of Rev. C. B. Schneder, Chairman, and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Secretary.

After long and careful consideration, and a full interchange of views, a sub-committee, consisting of Revs. D. B. Lady, D.D., H. H. Ranck and E. R. Deatrick, was appointed to formulate the views of the meeting, and report the next morning. At the meeting on the 13th, the report of this sub-committee was presented, discussed, and, with slight modifications, adopted, and made the action of the Joint Committee and other bodies represented. It is hereby presented to the Synods interested:

WHEREAS, We have learned that for a number of years the income of the Seminary from invested funds, has not been sufficient to meet current expenses; and that the Board of Trustees has been obliged to borrow considerable sums from time to time; and that to meet in part these deficits and interest charges, the Synods have been raising money year by year by apportionment; and that these apportionments have been steadily increasing until they have become onerous; that the apportionments have not been fully paid; and that the needs of the Seminary are constantly increasing; we recommend the following action:

Resolved, 1, That for the present the apportionment for the Seminary be continued, and that it be so adjusted by the Synods and Classes that the whole amount asked for by the Trustees be secured.

Resolved, 2, That for debts already incurred, for present requirements and for immediate needs the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be raised; and that for prospective demands of the Seminary an additional sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) be secured.

Resolved, 3, That the matter of raising these funds be committed, so far as the territory of the Eastern Synod is concerned, to Rev. Prof. G. W. Richards, D.D., together with such help as that Synod may provide; to Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., in the territory of the Pittsburgh Synod; and to Rev. Prof. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., in the territory of the Synod of the Potomac, under like conditions.

Resolved, 4, That in the effort to secure these funds, persons of means be first challenged, and that this plan be then followed, if necessary, by a general canvass.

This report is respectfully submitted to the Synods.

C. B. SCHNEDER, *Chairman.*

E. R. DEATRICK, *Secretary.*

September 19th, 1905.

Report of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

To the Three Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, at their last annual meetings, appointed committees to meet jointly and consider the general needs of the Theological Seminary. These committees met at Lancaster in January, 1905, and referred their unanimous counsel and judgment to the Faculty of the Seminary, with the request that they organize, and, so far as possible, carry into effect a movement looking toward the increase of students for the ministry, and the larger endowment of the Seminary.

The Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees in joint session, last May, reiterated and confirmed the counsel and action of the Synodical committees.

In pursuance of the foregoing action on the part of the Synodical Committees and the Boards of the Seminary, the Faculty at once began to organize the forward movement in behalf of the Seminary.

Committees were appointed to represent the several Classes of the three Synods, who shall co-operate with the Seminary Faculty in their effort to increase the number of students for the ministry, and to secure funds for the adequate endowment of the Seminary.

Under the instructions of the Synodical committees, a leaflet on "Seminary Day" was prepared by a committee of the Faculty, and copies were sent to all the ministers of the three Synods.

The Faculty recommend the issuance of a similar leaflet from year to year, with the view to keep before the mind of the ministry, people, and especially the young men of the Church, the great need of increasing the ranks of the Christian ministry. These leaflets should serve as a text for discussion on the floor of Synods and Classes and especially as an aid to enforce the counsel of pastors in their pulpit, catechetical and Sunday-school instruction.

With regard to the matter of making provision for the financial relief of the Seminary by liquidating the present indebtedness and by enlarging the endowment fund, so as to place the institution on a self-sustaining basis, the Faculty feel that much may be accomplished by the prompt co-operation of our ministry and people.

The members of the Faculty are willing to devote a just portion of their time and labor to this work; and have arranged to have one of their body spend a considerable part of the present year in the direct effort to enlist the help of our ministry and people. Already a very encouraging sum has been pledged by our ministry, and it is hoped that within the course of a few months fully \$25,000 will be pledged toward the increased endowment as an offering from the ministry alone.

Our ministry leading the way with such a spirit of devotion, liberality and self-sacrifice, we feel well assured that the friends of the Seminary among the laity will gladly follow their noble example.

The Faculty of the Seminary would kindly urge our ministry and people generally to hold themselves in readiness to fall promptly in line, with the view to consummate as soon as possible a movement which has been so favorably begun, and which is so full of promise for our Theological Seminary and the various interests which it pre-eminently represents.

Respectfully submitted by a committee of the Faculty,

JOHN C. BOWMAN,
WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
GEORGE W. RICHARDS.

October 10, 1905.

The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay Prof. W. C. Schaeffer's rent, amounting to \$25 per month, out of the apportionment made for the payment of the lots, until the new house is completed.

At the election of members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., were elected members of the Board of Education for three years and Rev. J. P. Harner for two years; Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F.

Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., were elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for three years, and Rev. J. B. Shontz for two years; Elder A. C. McCardell was chosen Director of the Woman's College for five years; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for one year; Robert L. Motter member of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for five years, and C. M. Wolff, Esq., for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jacob H. Schriver.

Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., C. S. Slagle, and Messrs. W. H. Williams, D. H. Carpenter, E. Cornman and Edward Schrum were nominated for Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by the Classis of North Carolina, for three years, and Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph.D., and J. D. Andrew for two years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., 1908; Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., J. P. Harner, P. A. DeLong, 1907; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, 1906.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., 1908; Revs. C. Clever, D.D., J. B. Shontz, and Elder A. R. Schnebley, 1907; Rev. I. N. Peightel and Elders E. J. Bonebrake and J. Gassman, 1906.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Elder A. C. McCardell, 1910; Elder John Gassman, 1909; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1907; Elder W. H. Lakin, 1906.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., J. W. Santee, D.D., 1908; Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., 1906.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Elders E. A. Shullenberger, Robert L. Motter, 1910; Elders S. N. Hench, I. Laucks, 1908; Elders C. M. Wolff, J. B. Shullenberger, 1906.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; J. W. Wetzell, Esq., 1909; W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Monday evening. The report was received, read, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: We lay before you our annual report, with gratitude to God for the prosperity of the work under our care during the year.

Nearly all of the thirty-six missions in the two Eastern Synods have shown encouraging growth, and it is a great pleasure to add that three of them, namely, Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Christ Church, Norristown, Pa., and Christ Church, Baltimore, Md., respectively under pastors M. H. Sangree, Benoni Bates, and G. R. Poetter, became self-supporting April 1st, 1905. The spirit of liberality, shown both in the self-help and in the benevolence of all these missions, is worthy of note.

During the year the Board lost two of its members, President C. A. Santee and Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D., by their removal from the bounds of their respective Synods. To complete the organization the Executive Council selected Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., President; and the Board now is as follows:

President, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D.; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley, Hummels-town, Pa.; Rev. G. A. Schwedes, Rev. C. B. Schneder, Elder C. G. Schaeffer, Hazleton, Pa.; Rev. C. W. Levan, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Rev. J. D. Miller, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Rev. E. R. Deatruck, B.D., Rev. L. E. Coblentz.

The first three and the last three are the Executive Council.

The Eastern Synod will note that the term of all its members expires April 1st, 1906.

The Synod of the Potomac will note that the terms of Rev. E. R. Deatruck and Rev. C. W. Levan expire April 1st, 1906, and that a vacancy exists by the removal of Rev. C. A. Santee.

In presenting the report of Treasurer J. J. Nissley as a part of this report we take pleasure in calling attention to the fact that the assets of the Board now amount to over \$61,000, nearly all of which is invested in the missions of the church on first mortgage.

The mission in York, Pa., under Rev. R. L. Bair, was divided by Zion's Classis, he retaining St. Stephen's, and Rev. C. E. Meyers becoming pastor of Emmanuel's; and the following missions have been enrolled:

Bethany, York, Pa., under Rev. G. S. Sorber.

Faith or Quickel's, York, Pa., under Rev. A. C. Ohl.

Dallastown, Pa., under Rev. J. W. Bell.

The Board regrets to report that under the influence of the Reformed Church of Hungary six of our Hungarian missionaries and the congregations and one without his congregation, have withdrawn to enter the American Hungarian Classis, organized Oct. 7th, 1904, namely:

Rev. John Ujlaky, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Rev. Zultan Kuthy, New York, N. Y.

Rev. Alexander Vajo, Woodbridge, N. J.

Rev. Elemer Kuthy, Passaic, N. J.

Rev. Ladislaus Bereczky, Phoenixville, Pa.

Rev. Earnest Komjathy, Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. Julius Balogh, Pocahontas, Va.

This relates to the Eastern and the Potomac Synods. There were withdrawals also in the other Synods.

The General Board of Home Missions have elected Rev. Thomas M. Yundt superintendent, with the missions of the Eastern and Potomac Synods under his special care for the present, and having created a new office, that of Church Building Fund Secretary, and transferred Superintendent A. C. Whitmer to it, the Synods will be asked to acquiesce in this change, and we recommend that they do so with this understanding that according to the compact of April, 1892, the Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall hereafter, as heretofore, nominate a superintendent for these Synods.

Your Board feeling that the Board of the General Synod had not only exceeded its rights, but also violated the compact which was made the basis of unification in 1892, in thus setting aside the nomination of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, unanimously made by both your reverend bodies a year ago, sent its president, Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, to the meeting of the Executive Committee of that Board at its meeting in Philadelphia on Oct. 4th, to bring the matter to the attention of said Board. In reply to his representations the Executive Committee of said Board took the following action, which we transmit to your reverend bodies for your information, and, inasmuch as it contains a reaffirmation of the Compact of 1892, for permanent record on your minutes:

"Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to inform the Bi-Synodic Board that while we regret that there has been any misunderstanding in the case, we assure them that in placing

over the missions of the Eastern and Potomac Synods a man whom they had not nominated, this Board did not mean to violate the Compact of April, 1892, but was led to its action by unusual circumstances; and further, we assure the Bi-Synodic Board that we desire that hereafter as heretofore the Eastern and Potomac Synods shall nominate the candidate for Superintendent of their district.

"Again in response to the request of your Board that we instruct General Superintendent T. M. Yundt to stand in the same relation to the Bi-Synodic Board as Superintendent Whitmer has done in the past, the Board cordially accedes and begs to inform your reverend body that the General Superintendent has been instructed in accordance with your request. Thanking you for your splendid co-operation in the work of Home Missions, it is the prayer of the General Board that our relations may always be mutually helpful.

"By order of the Board,

"PAUL S. LEINBACH, *Secretary*.

"Given under the seal of the Board at Easton, Pa., Oct. 6th, 1905."

This Board hereby expresses its full confidence in the newly-appointed Superintendent, Rev. T. M. Yundt. We however lay before the Synods our conviction that the work pertaining to this territory, and which heretofore has been borne by our own superintendent, will be an unnecessary and heavy burden if placed upon the General Superintendent.

And since the General Board by its action given above regards the present arrangement as temporary, we suggest to the Synods the propriety of endeavoring to secure such a re-arrangement of the work of the General Board as to make Rev. T. M. Yundt General Superintendent, and Rev. A. C. Whitmer District Superintendent of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, with our Missions under his care.

The Catharine Trone and Richard Bernard Schmidt Church Building Fund has been completed by Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

The Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller Fund given by the will of Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D.

The Chas. A. Heim Fund given by the will of Miss Elizabeth G. Houck, of Frederick, Md.

The Jonas Deissinger Fund given by the will of Dr. Jonas Deissinger, of York, Pa., and the Major Sidney M. Finger Fund given by the will of Elder S. M. Finger, of Newton, N. C., have come out of these two Synods.

Also the Amityville Ladies' Aid Society Fund, of Amityville, Pa., the Matilda Hobach Focht Fund given by Mr. Wm.

G. Focht, of Huntingdon, Pa., and the John E. Keen Fund given by Elder Daniel E. Keen and wife, of Hickory Corners, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The Board of Missions has directed me to transmit to your reverend body the following plan for more effective Home Missionary meetings at the Synods and Classes, in the hope that it may receive your approval either in its present form or with such modifications as, in your wisdom, are desirable. We suggest:

1. That one or more of our home missionaries be assigned, by arrangements made between the Board and the Synods or Classes, to present the subject of Home Missions at the Home Missionary meeting at as many of these bodies as practicable. These men being fresh from the mission fields will be practical exponents of the work. And we also suggest that the Board defray the expense of these missionaries while so engaged for traveling and pulpit supply.

2. That, in order to the proper appreciation of the reports of the Boards on Missions, the officers of this Board, missionaries, or some other competent persons be designated beforehand to speak on them that they may be thoroughly discussed and understood.

3. That, if feasible, during the sessions of the Synods and the Classes, at such suitable time as these bodies may determine upon, a round table or open parliament on missions be held, presided over by some properly qualified person, at which topics relating to mission work, such as missionary societies, missionary methods, mission study classes, etc., may be presented and discussed by the pastors, elders, and members of the church present. We suggest that the Superintendent of this Board, the pastor loci where the meetings are to be held, and the officers of the Synods and the Classes co-operate in carrying this plan into effect.

Sincerely yours,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions
of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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HOME MISSIONS.*From Eastern Synod.*

Philadelphia Classis	\$1,806 89
Tohickon Classis	1,856 18
Goshenhoppen Classis	2,510 26
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,825 00
Lebanon Classis	1,901 52
Lancaster Classis	2,054 03
Schuylkill Classis	1,527 33
East Susquehanna Classis	1,595 14
West Susquehanna Classis	1,945 20
Lehigh Classis	895 00
Wyoming Classis	1,633 93
Reading Classis	3,732 71
	<hr/> \$24,283 10

From Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	\$3,189 08
Mercersburg Classis	956 28
Virginia Classis	300 00
Zion's Classis	400 34
Juniata Classis	1,150 00
Gettysburg Classis	350 00
North Carolina Classis	528 53
Carlisle Classis	986 46
	<hr/> \$ 7,860

From Miscellaneous Sources.

N. B. Schmidt, Woodstock, Va.....	\$ 100 00
Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D.....	10 00
Glade charge, Md.....	10 00
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	10 00
Interest Gerhart Fund.....	6 00
Mrs. Amanda Wagner, interest on legacy.....	100 00
Reiglesville (Pa.) congregation.....	48 58
Reiglesville (Pa.) Sunday-school.....	96 41
Nevin Bover Fund, Reiglesville, Pa.....	5 00
Zearfoss Fund.....	9 00
Missionary Day, Hummelstown, Pa.....	8 31
Sunday-school, Pavia.....	5 40
Sexton and Hopewell.....	17 05
Everett, Pa.....	10 50
St. Clairsville	18 25
Alexandria	6 00
Huntingdon	18 55
St. John's Sunday-school, Salisbury charge.....	20 00
St. John's congregation, Salisbury charge.....	4 00
Salem, Allentown	43 10
Manns Choice	10 20
St. John's, Lansdale.....	9 00

Trinity, Altoona.....	15	86	
Salem, Harrisburg.....	31	57	
Zion's, Maytown.....	3	26	
Willow Street.....	7	12	
St. John's, Allentown.....	26	35	
Dunning's Creek.....	6	38	
St. Clairsville	7	40	
Missionary Society, Juniata Classis.....	8	25	
Martinsburg, Va.....	27	46	
Numedia charge.....	5	25	
St. John's, Milton, Pa.....	11	27	
St. Stephen's, West York, Pa.....	2	52	
Emmanuel's, East York, Pa.....	1	63	
Marion, Pa.....	11	74	
South Bethlehem.....	10	00	
White Deer, Kans.....	4	60	
White Pigeon, Mich.....	3	10	
St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg.....	5	00	
Fort Washington.....	47	44	
Calvary, Philadelphia.....	5	08	
			\$ 807 20
			\$32,951 08

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board.....\$32,951 08

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Maryland Classis	\$ 252	00	
Carlisle Classis	111	39	
Mercersburg Classis	170	00	
Zion's Classis	97	85	
Virginia Classis	102	00	
Potomac Synod	55	00	
Reformed congregation, Alexandria, Pa.....	5	00	
Eastern Synod.....	2,734	07	
			\$ 3,527 31

HARBOR MISSION.

Maryland Classis	\$ 37	00	
Carlisle Classis	11	00	
Mercersburg Classis	24	00	
Zion's Classis	17	43	
Virginia Classis	11	00	
Eastern Synod	414	86	
			\$ 516 28

GERMAN MISSIONS.

Maryland Classis	\$ 235	00	
Mercersburg Classis	105	00	
Zion's Classis	556	81	
Potomac Synod	72	40	
Eastern Synod	912	37	
			\$ 1,881 58
			\$ 5,123 17

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board.....\$ 5,925 17

DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Heckermans M. S., Cessna, Pa., for St. John's, Harrisburg	\$ 10 00	
Christ, Allentown, Pa., for Messiah, Philadelphia....	10 00	
Reformed Church, Bath, Pa., for Messiah, Philada..	5 00	
Dunnings Creek, for Sioux City.....	2 00	
	<u>27 00</u>	

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Paid as designated.....\$ 27 00

FOR CHURCH BUILDING.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1904.....	\$ 529 83
Philadelphia Classis	\$ 204 03
Reading Classis	558 00
Tohickon Classis	340 21
East Susquehanna Classis	237 93
Lebanon Classis	184 00
Schuylkill Classis	153 00
Lancaster Classis	327 60
Lehigh Classis	150 00
Goshenhoppen Classis	163 00
	<u>\$ 2,317 77</u>

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Transferred from General Treasury to increase the Beneville and Seraphine Dissler Fund to \$1,000..	\$ 176 72
Transferred from General Treasury to increase Leonora Boys Fund to \$1,000.....	176 72
Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., York, Pa.....	473 40
Catharine Trone and Richard B. Schmidt.....	50 00
	<u>\$ 876 . 8</u>

LOANS REPAYED.

Faith, Salisbury, N. C.....	\$ 250 00
Board of Home Missions.....	1,000 00
St. Paul's, Roanoke, Va.....	45 00
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	600 00
Grace, Allentown, Pa.....	200 00
Burlington, N. C.....	200 00
Reformed Church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	125 00
First, Steelton	35 00
N. C. Classis for Salisbury Mission note.....	20 00
Tioga Mission, Philadelphia.....	1,000 00
Hummelstown National Bank.....	3,000 00
Christ's, Baltimore, Md.....	500 00
Bethel, High Point, N. C.....	50 00
Hungarian, Phoenixville, Pa.....	500 00
First Church, High Point, N. C.....	25 00
	<u>\$ 7,550 00</u>
	<u>\$11,274 44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board of Home Missions.....	\$1,000 00
Christ's, West Hazleton, Pa.....	2,500 00
Christ's, Walnutport, Pa.....	500 00
Oak Lane, Philadelphia.....	4,000 00
Greensboro, N. C.....	800 00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer for Church Building.....	2,317 77
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 29, 1905.....	156 67
	<hr/> \$11,274 44

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in Treasury, Sept. 30, 1904.....	\$ 4,280 14
Maryland Classis	\$ 187 50
Zion's, Marietta	25 00
C. M. Boush, General Board.....	182 50
Messiah, Philadelphia	65 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	95 00
Dividends York Bank stock.....	46 88
Hungarian Church, Trenton.....	56 00
Mrs. Leah Sidell.....	225 00
St. Paul's, Roanoke.....	193 50
Grace, South Allentown.....	20 00
Grace, Baltimore, Md.	25 00
Christ's, Packerton	10 00
Tioga, Philadelphia	23 34
Hummelstown National Bank.....	112 50
Parryville, Pa.....	50 00
St. John's, Harrisburg.....	150 00
Bethel, High Point, N. C.....	8 70
Phoenixville, Pa.....	25 00
Walnutport, Pa.....	10 00
St. Mark's, Baltimore.....	58 00
	<hr/> \$ 1,568 92
	<hr/> \$ 5,849 06

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To increase the Benneville and Seraphine A. Dissler Fund to \$1,000.....	\$ 176 72
To increase the Leonora Boys Fund to \$1,000.....	176 72
Moving expenses, Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D.....	50 00
Traveling expenses, Rev. N. H. Skyles.....	1 60
J. L. Yearick, 4 months supply at Lexington, N. C..	120 00
G. M. Smith, 4 months supply at Thomasville, N. C..	60 00
Traveling expenses of the Board, and postage.....	64 15
Salary of the Secretary.....	75 00
Salary of the Treasurer.....	75 00
Balance in Treasury, Sept. 29, 1905.....	5,049 87
	<hr/> \$ 5,849 06

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., September 29, 1905.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above report, and find it correct.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JAMES C. THOMPSON.

HARRISBURG, PA., October 2, 1905.

**Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church
in the United States.**

To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: For a full statement of our Home Missionary work in all its parts and needs, we refer you to the Triennial Report found in the Minutes of the General Synod; and we wish here to lay before you only a few later actions of general interest.

In May last, the Board re-organized, and now stands as follows:

President, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.

Vice-President, Rev. C. E. Miller, D.D.

Secretary, Rev. P. S. Leinbach.

Treasurer, Elder C. W. Stein, Annville, Pa.

Treasurer of Church Building Funds and Attorney of the Board, Elder C. M. Boush, Meadville, Pa.

Rev. P. H. Dippel, D.D.

Elder F. G. Hobson, Collegeville, Pa.

Rev. E. Vornholt.

Rev. L. B. C. Lahr, D.D.

Rev. D. W. Ebbert, D.D.

Rev. M. O. Noll.

Elder H. F. Texter, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Rev. T. M. Yundt was elected General Superintendent, to whom was committed also the special oversight of the Missions in the Eastern and in the Potomac Synods.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., was made Superintendent in the Synod of the Interior.

Rev. D. A. Souders was continued as Superintendent in the Ohio Synod and the Pittsburgh Synod.

The office of Field Secretary was discontinued.

A new office was created, that of Church Building Fund Secretary, and Rev. A. C. Whitmer was transferred to it.

The Manual of the Board, adopted in 1899, has been revised to meet these new conditions.

The Board has established a central office in Philadelphia, Pa., and has united with the other Boards of the Church in preliminary steps toward securing a suitable building for the use of all these bodies.

By the resignation of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, the position of Harbor Missionary became vacant October 1st, 1905. Rev. P. H. Land has been elected to that position, and provision has been made for the care of the work until he shall take charge.

With gratitude to God for the prosperity of the work, we heartily commend to your confidence and support the one hundred and eleven Missions on our present roll. We earnestly beg the Synod to give much time and discussion to this im-

portant work, and to send down to the Classes not only the apportionments, but also a strong appeal to them to raise the larger funds now needed for this growing interest.

Yours in the Lord,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

THOS. M. YUNDT, *Superintendent.*

Philadelphia, Pa., October 5th, 1905.

To the Reverend Potomac Synod:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: At the meeting of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, held in Pittsburg in July of this year, the following action was adopted, which is herewith brought to the attention of your reverend body. The action is in the form of a report from a special committee, which report was unanimously approved by the Board, all the members being present. The action reads thus, so far as it refers to your Synod:

Your committee appointed to consider questions of organization and method in the operations of this Board, beg leave to report that two meetings have been held; the first during the sessions of the General Synod at Allentown, and another just preceding this session of the Board. We have considered the "Terms of Agreement" in the unification of our Home Missionary work (Min. Gen. Synod, Reading, pp. 73-77), the Rules and Customs now in use by this Board and set forth in the "Manual," the recent action of the General Synod, and the various suggestions of Classes and individuals.

In the judgment of your committee the work of the Board of Home Missions is of supreme importance and we should therefore welcome most heartily the suggestion of any plan or method which will increase the efficiency of our operations. The forces of evil are united and aggressive. The Church owes it to herself, to the cause and to her Lord to conserve all her power and apply it specifically and without duplication. Your committee agrees fully with the sentiment expressed in the action of the General Synod, and therefore recommends the following:

1. That Articles 13 and 14 of our Manual be so amended as to give to the General Superintendent larger responsibility and authority in the oversight and direction of the entire work; that he shall be the executive officer to whom everything shall be reported and from whom all missionary facts and information can be obtained; and that he shall seek especially to arouse the pastors and members of the whole Church to the necessity of furnishing men and means to carry forward the Home Mission work of the Church. As an aid in securing these ends, your committee recommend that an office or headquarters be

opened and maintained in Philadelphia, and that a competent stenographer or clerk be provided for the General Superintendent.

2. That while the General Superintendent will direct the work in all the English Synods, for the present he shall have also special oversight of the Missions in the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

3. That the Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, of Reading, Pa., be elected to the office of General Superintendent.

4. That in view of the fact that the Rev. D. N. Dittmar has resigned as Field Secretary, this office be discontinued for the present.

5. That in view of the importance of the Church Building Funds in the work of this Board, an officer be appointed whose special duty it shall be to emphasize this phase of mission work, and who shall secure as many such funds as possible and perform such other duties as the Board may determine, said officer to be called Church Building Fund Secretary. Our present great work would be impossible without the Funds already in hand. It is doubtless known to all the members of this Board to whom the Church is especially indebted for what has been done in this direction. In view therefore of his experience and peculiar fitness for this position, we recommend that the Rev. A. C. Whitmer be elected Church Building Fund Secretary, and that we respectfully request the Eastern and Potomac Synods to acquiesce in this action.

By order of the Board of Home Missions,

PAUL S. LEINBACH, *Secretary*.

Given under the seal of the Board, at Easton, Pa., this 10th day of October, 1905.

Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Since the report of the Board of Foreign Missions to the General Synod will be laid before your reverend body, I beg to refer you to the same for the present status of our work in Japan and China.

Permit me in this brief statement to emphasize a few facts which I know will be of interest to you, and I believe will claim your prayerful consideration.

The work of our Church in Japan and China is so well organized that it has before it the prospect of sure and speedy success. Our Japan Mission has already been the means of bringing many souls to Jesus, the Light of the World. Experience has proven that the training of native evangelists is the true basis for the evangelization of the nation. Our institutions at

Sendai have given our Mission a position of influence in North Japan. To do well what has thus been auspiciously begun, the Japan Mission needs a lady teacher for the Miyagi Girls' School, a male teacher for the North Japan College, and, at least, two men for evangelistic work. These missionaries should be sent as soon as possible. Besides these additional workers, the immediate needs of the Japan work are:

1—Dormitory for North Japan College.....	\$ 5,000
2—Equipment for the Akita Station	5,000
3—Chapel at Fukushima	4,000
4—Kanda Church at Tokio	10,000

Efforts are being made to secure these additional workers, and the means for these additional buildings.

What shall we say of the great mass of immortal souls in China? Today the gates are wide open in this vast Empire. As you well know, our China Mission has been the recipient of God's most signal blessing. To carry on the work which the Lord has given us to do, we need about \$5,000 more money for building operations. At Chenchow we need a lady to begin a school for girls, and a man to open educational work for boys. At Changteh we need a family for evangelistic work and to form an important link between Yochow and Chenchow. At Yochow we need two men for the Boys' School, and two women for evangelistic work in the homes of the Chinese women.

In view of the wonderful opportunities for service in Japan and China, will not our Church awake to the fact that a solemn responsibility is upon her? May I not plead with every pastor and elder of the Synod to bring these urgent needs to the attention of the people?

The needs of our Missions are not so large that they can not be met if we all help a little.

The General Synod has made an appropriation of \$70,000 for each year, during the coming triennium, and it is to be hoped that each Synod will not only assume its proportionate share, but that all the pastors and people will be encouraged to pay the full apportionment. The Board will need every dollar of it. That the brethren may know the actual needs of the work, I submit an approximate estimate for 1906.

Japan Mission	\$40,000
China Mission	15,000
Home Expenses	7,000
Emergency Calls	5,000
Total	<u>\$77,000</u>

The receipts for the past year, or from September, 1904 05, amount to \$80,474.29. Up to date the Emergency Fund

amounts to about \$29,000. Of this amount \$2,300 remains unpaid. Will not the Synod in its wisdom devise some plan by which the Board may receive many large gifts from congregations and individuals within its bounds, so that the Board may be enabled to pay off its heavy debt?

The Board is anxious to raise a fund large enough among the young people to support two missionaries, one in China and one in Japan. This fund should amount to \$3,000. The shares are \$10.00, and it is desired that each Young People's Society in the Church shall take one or more shares. May we not hope for a favorable action which will help the Board to secure this amount?

Let me also call your attention to the support of the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. H. K. Miller. For some reason, this fund has been growing less every year, until but one-third of his support was contributed by the schools in 1904. In view of the increasing demands in our work, we bespeak your commendation for this object.

Quite a number of copies of the History of the Japan Mission are still on hand, and I will be glad to supply pastors with the same for free distribution among their members.

If any pastor has not been the recipient of a copy of that excellent book, "The Pastor and Modern Missions," by Mr. John R. Mott, I shall be happy to supply him with the same free of charge.

Believing that it will be of interest to the brethren, I herewith submit a statement of the receipts by Synods for Foreign Missions from September, 1904-05.

Eastern	\$29,650 05
Potomac	13,857 24
Pittsburgh	6,124 33
Ohio	7,120 45
Interior	1,783 67
Central	6,117 10
Northwest	3,551 97
German East	2,488 52
W. M. S. General Synod	9,286 97
Interest, etc.	493 99
Total	<u>\$80,474 29</u>

Deeply appreciating your interest in our work, and praying for the divine blessing upon your deliberations, I remain, in Christian bonds,

Very cordially yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

September 15th, 1905.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: You have placed in the hands of your Committee on Missions the following named documents:

(a) The Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, including the report of its treasurer;

(b) The Annual State of General Synod's Board of Home Missions;

(c) A communication from the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church suggesting a plan for more effective Home Missionary meetings at the Synods and Classes;

(d) A communication from General Synod's Board of Home Missions referring to questions of organization and method in its operations;

(e) The Annual Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(f) Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 referred to us from the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod are included in the above named documents.

We have carefully examined these papers. We gather from them many encouraging facts. Through them we discern irresistible calls for this Synod to increase in the spirit of service among men in Christ's Name.

Three of the thirty-six missions in the two Eastern Synods became self-supporting on April 1, 1905. They are the Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., the Christ Church, Norristown, Pa., and the Christ Church, Baltimore, Md. The mission in York, Pa., formerly consisting of the St. Stephen and the Emmanuel congregations, was divided and now each congregation has its own pastor. Two new missions have been enrolled in York, Pa., and one in Dallastown, Pa. Eight Church-Building Funds have come into the hands of this Board within the year and of these five are from the Potomac Synod's territory. The assets of the Bi-Synodic Board amount to over \$61,000, and nearly all of this is invested in the missions of the Church on first mortgage.

On the other hand the Synod should note that the treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board reports \$2,251.12 less this year than one year ago under the item of "Home Missions" and that under this same item Potomac Synod is credited with \$1,657.88 less than one year ago. However, Maryland Classis has exceeded its record of a year ago with the Bi-Synodic treasurer under this item by the amount of \$34.89 and Carlisle Classis likewise by the amount of \$314.49. Virginia Classis is credited with the same amount this year as last. All the other Classes have decreased in their contributions as reported under this

item. The funds devoted to German, Hungarian and Harbor Missions through the Bi-Synodic Board treasurer were \$169.56 more than those reported a year ago. In the "General Treasury" \$1,289.40 are accounted for during the year just closed in excess of the twelve months immediately preceding. The balance in the treasury is \$5,049.87 as over against a balance, one year earlier, of \$4,280.14—a difference to the credit of Synod of \$769.73.

It is also interesting to note in the treasurer's report the record of loans repaid by five missions within our Synod: Salisbury, N. C., \$270; Burlington, N. C., \$200; High Point, N. C., \$50; Roanoke, Va., \$45; Christ, Baltimore, \$500.

A gratifying sign of the wise and resourceful leadership under which we are growing into a more and more reverent realization of the high responsibilities and of the rich privileges of the great missionary work is the suggestion coming from the Bi-Synodic Board to the effect that a permanent plan be adopted regulating the presentation of the subject of Home Missions before evening congregations during the sessions of the Synods or of the Classes.

The General Synod's Board of Home Missions reports its membership as constituted at the last sessions of General Synod and its reorganization as effected not long afterwards. In this connection it should be noted that the Bi-Synodic Board suggests the propriety of endeavoring to secure a rearrangement of the work of the General Board. The General Synod's Board asks from the entire constituency the annual sum of \$100,000 for the next three years and urges us not only to indicate to our Classes their proportionate share of this amount but to make a strong appeal to them to raise the larger funds. The Board earnestly begs the Synod to give much time and discussion to this important work. From General Superintendent Yundt's verbal statement we learn that the Board's debt at present is about \$17,000.

Do not our hearts burn within us as the Foreign Mission Board relates to us the glowing story of the abundant and fruitful labors of our missionaries in Japan and China and of the effective organization of our distant mission work, until we, foolish men, and slow of heart to believe the good will of our Father and to obey the word of our Lord, almost feel reproached. This document seems aflame with the desire that our Church shall heroically abandon herself to the service of our Christ, who came to share His anointing with all men. It pleads with us to heed at once the clear call for three men and one woman to work in Japan and for three men and three women and an entire family to work in China. It tells us of these definite material needs in Japan: \$5,000 for a dormitory

for the North Japan College; \$5,000 for the equipment of the Akita Station; \$4,000 for a chapel at Fukushima; \$10,000 for the Kanda Church at Tokio; and of the need of \$5,000 for building operations in China. It has definite suggestions for the Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies and a reminder of the incompleteness of the "Emergency Fund." It tells us that the Church last year gave \$80,474.29 for Foreign Missions, and that \$13,857.34 are credited to this Synod. The Board asks for an annual apportionment of \$70,000 throughout the next three years.

Your committee recommends:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod do now spend fifteen minutes in prayer and thanksgiving over the cause of missions.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod now hears representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

3. *Resolved*, That we recognize the good hand of our God in the growing efficiency and in the increasing responsibilities of our Church's Mission work both in the home land and wherever we have gone to make Him known to men, and that on this account we own ourselves bound to rejoice in the Lord always and to pray without ceasing.

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge the Synod and appeal to the Classes, pastors, consistories and people to carry into effect the policies of the General Synod's Boards of Missions with reference to Home and Foreign Mission days in the Sunday-schools, to the circulation of the Bulletin, to the Annuity Bonds, to the fostering of the Woman's Missionary Societies, to the German, Harbor, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.

5. *Resolved*, That we call the special attention of our Classes to the General Synod's instructions to its Board of Home Missions, with reference to the establishment of missions in the cities and larger towns of the South, and that we recommend their hearty co-operation in every possible way for the realizing of this purpose.

6. *Resolved*, That we approve and recommend to the Classes for their consideration the plan suggested by the Bi-Synodic Board for more effective Home Missionary meetings in connection with the annual sessions of the Synods and the Classes, which is as follows:

(a) One or more of our home missionaries shall be assigned by arrangements made between the Board and the Synods or Classes, to present the subject of Home Missions at the Home Missionary meeting at as many of these bodies as practicable, the Board defraying the expense of these missionaries while so engaged for travelling and for pulpit supply.

(b) In order to the proper appreciation of the reports of the Boards of Missions the officers of the Bi-Synodic Board, certain missionaries or some other competent persons shall be

designated beforehand to speak upon them when they are under consideration upon the floor of the Synods and the Classes.

(c) Whenever it is deemed feasible and at whatever time during their sessions the Synods or Classes may determine, a "round-table" or open parliament on Missions shall be held, presided over by some properly qualified person, at which all topics relating to mission work may be presented and discussed by any or all persons present.

(d) The superintendent of the Bi-Synodic Board, the pastor loci where the meetings are to be held and the officers of the Synods or of the Classes concerned in each instance shall co-operate in making the arrangements in advance for such meetings.

7. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby pledges unreserved support to the General Superintendent of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, the Rev. Thomas M. Yundt. However,

8. *Resolved*, That this Synod disapproves of the election of a superintendent of the missions in the field of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods who had not been nominated according to the terms of the compact of 1892 (Minutes of Potomac Synod, 1892, p. 33, item 6); Minutes of General Synod, 1893, pp. 74-77).

9. *Resolved*, That this Synod respectfully declares to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions this Synod's conviction that the missions in the field of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods require the undivided care of a District Superintendent.

10. *Resolved*, That the Synod's desire is to have such rearrangement of the work of the Board of the General Synod made at as early a time as possible.

11. *Resolved*, That we urge the Classes of this Synod to give their hearty support to the work of the Church Building Fund Secretary.

12. *Resolved*, That the Synod accepts all the apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions and apportions them upon the several Classes: Home Missions, \$15,550; Foreign Missions, \$10,675; Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions, \$1,650; Church Building, \$3,070.

13. *Resolved*, That we challenge the hearts of the parents and the children in the homes within our Synod with the Church's supreme need of young men and young women to gladly go for us to Japan and to China as ministers of the Cross of Christ.

14. *Resolved*, That we call the attention of the persons who have it within their power to contribute money in larger sums

than the ordinary to the splendid opportunities for permanently and largely establishing the kingdom of God among the people of Japan and China through our Foreign Missionary agencies.

15. *Resolved*, That we request the Young People's Societies to take special notice of the Board's desire to gather two funds of \$1,500 each in shares of \$10 each for the purpose of supporting a missionary in each of the two countries of Japan and China.

16. *Resolved*, That we ask the Sunday-schools to rally to the support of the Rev. H. K. Miller, the Sunday-school Missionary in Japan.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, JR.,
ELLIS HAY, LEWIS B. HARGETT,
J. STEWART HARTMAN, D. S. RENTCH.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., and H. H. Apple were elected members of the Board of Missions for four years, and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., for two years.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The following persons constitute the Board of Missions, and the date of expiration of their terms of service, namely: Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., H. H. Apple, 1909; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., and L. E. Coblentz, 1908; Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., 1907; Revs. J. David Miller and N. H. Skyles, 1906.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and with the accompanying audit found correct. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Chas. M. Wolff, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, submits the following report, which has been audited and approved by the Trustees in accordance with the action of the Synod at its last meeting, and which is as follows:

1905.
Oct. 13. To balance of cash on hand at the date of the last report of the Treasurer of the Synod of the Potomac, viz.....\$ 275 11
To cash received from the Treasurers of the various Classes during the past year:

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS—*Dr. Barkley, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, in full	\$105 00
For Catawba College, in the past year.....	100 34
“ Science Hall Building, interest on note.	50 00
“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$ 455 34

CARLISLE CLASSIS—*Rev. W. H. Groh, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$ 43 86
“ Catawba College, arrearages due.....	28 81
“ Catawba College, in the past year.....	96 06
“ Science Hall Building, interest on note.	40 13
“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	128 91
“ Work among the Germans.....	37 55
	<hr/> \$ 375 35

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS—*Rev. J. C. Leonard, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, in full	\$ 65 00
For Catawba College.....	78 00
“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	24 55
“ Harbor Missions	25 00
	<hr/> \$ 192 55

VIRGINIA CLASSIS—*Rev. Dr. John A. Hoffeins, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$ 65 00
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JUNIATA CLASSIS—*Rev. J. David Miller, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$115 00
For interest in arrears, of Science Hall Building note	60 00
	<hr/> \$ 175 00

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS—*Rev. P. A. DeLong, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod....	\$ 85 00
“ Catawba College	71 00
“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	100 00
	<hr/> \$ 256 00

MARYLAND CLASSIS—*Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.*

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, in full	\$160 00
For Catawba College.....	155 00
“ Science Hall Building, interest on note.	42 00
“ Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	288 00
	<hr/> \$ 645 00

ZION'S CLASSIS—Rev. Geo. S. Sorber, Treasurer.

Oct. 13, 1905.

For Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$ 95 00
" Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	55 54
" Theological Seminary Aid Fund.....	26 84
" Int. on Science Hall Bldg. note.....	17 97
For Washington Memorial Church, on account of arrearages due the Potomac Synod, since June 25th, 1903.....	5 00
	<u>\$ 200 35</u>

Total receipts from the Eight Classical Treasurers to date**\$2,639 67**

1905.
May 8.

To cash received from Mr. P. C. Wiest, treas. of Grace Reformed Church, York, Pa., for the Seminary Aid Fund of Lancaster, Pa.....	9 00
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Total receipts from all sources.....**\$2,648 67**

Your Treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements made by him, and allowance for the past year, viz.:

1904.	
Nov. 9.	By check No. 23, to Wm. Brandstaedter, for printing envelopes and statements to Classical Treasurers.\$ 2 35
30.	By check No. 24, to Miles O. Noll, for expenses to Lancaster, Pa., for installation services..... 2 15
Dec. 6.	By check No. 25, to H. J. Hillegas, for printing tickets at meeting of Synod..... 1 00
Oct. 4.	By check No. 26, to E. R. Deatrck, expenses to Lancaster, Pa., installation services..... 95
Dec. 13.	By check No. 27, to E. R. Deatrck for the use of the church at Everett, Pa., for Potomac Synod, 1904. 25 00
1905.	
Jan. 2.	By checks Nos. 29, 30 and 31, to Dr. Barkley, J. S. Hartman and J. W. Pontius, for expenses to meeting of the Board of Trustees at Hanover, Pa..... 3 75
3.	By check No. 32, to Metzgar & Shetter, for bonding the Treasurer of Potomac Synod..... 25 00
10.	By check No. 33, to E. G. Eckert, for postage stamps 2 00
24.	By check No. 34, to S. S. Miller, expenses of Visiting Committee on Seminary Day..... 11 37
Feb. 18.	By check No. 35, to E. R. Deatrck, for expenses of sending out minutes of Synod of the Potomac.... 17 09
18.	By check No. 36, to E. R. Deatrck, for expenses as a member of Committee on Endowment..... 3 53
21.	By check No. 37, to E. R. Deatrck, for salary for 1904-1905, as Stated Clerk of Synod..... 100 00
Mch. 10.	By check No. 38, to Anthony Printing Co., for printing order book for Treasurer of Synod..... 1 25
10.	By check to the Publication Board of Reformed Church in the United States, for printing 3,000 copies of the minutes of Potomac Synod for the year 1904 284 70
May 14.	By check No. 44, to Dr. E. R. Eschbach, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa.... 3 00
14.	By check No. 43, to J. S. Kieffer, for attending meeting of Board of Visitors at Lancaster, Pa..... 3 25

June	1.	By check to Aaron Hostetter, for postage, etc.....	2 00
	15.	By check to Dr. Barkley, for attending meeting of of Board of Trustees of Catawba College, at New- ton, N. C.....	33 38
July	25.	By check No. 48, to J. David Miller, chairman, for expenses of all the members of the Board of Edu- cation at the annual meeting held July 19th, 1905.	15 34
Aug.	28.	By check No. 50, to Rev. F. L. Kerr, for his expenses in attending the meeting of Committee.....	4 00
	31.	By check No. 51, to Jos. A. Dewalt, for interest on the legacy of Brechbill to April 1st, 1905, in full..	12 00
Sept.	5.	By check No. 52, to A. E. Truxall, for Potomac Syn- od's share of expenses incurred by the joint Com- mittee on Seminary Day at Lancaster, Pa.....	5 85
1904.			
Nov.	8.	By cash paid to John W. Pontius, for interest due on the Science Building note and Washington Me- morial Church note in bank.....	150 00
Dec.	17.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, treasurer, for the use of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.....	150 00
1905.			
May	10.	By cash paid to John B. Roth, treasurer, for the Seminary Aid Fund of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.....	150 00
	22.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, treasurer, for the use of Catawba College.....	80 00
Sept.	22.	By cash paid to John J. Nissley, treasurer, for "Work among the Germans".....	65 00
	18.	By cash paid to W. R. Barnhart, Treas., for contin- gent fund of General Synod	120 00
	16.	By cash paid to John W. Pontius, for payment of in- terest on two notes in Middletown, Md., bank.....	80 00
	18.	By cash paid to M. J. Rowe, Treas., for the use of Catawba College, at Newton, N. C.....	150 00
	18.	By cash paid to John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary Aid Fund, at Lancaster, Pa.....	450 00
Oct.	6.	By check No. 63, to John B. Roth, Treas., for Theo- logical Seminary Aid Fund, at Lancaster, Pa.....	200 00
	6.	By cash paid to C. M. Wolff, Esq., for Treasurer's salary for the past year	100 00
	6.	By cash to John W. Pontius for the correction of an error by the former treasurer of Synod, in the pay- ment of interest instead of principal of the Science Hall Building Note	125 00
Total amount disbursed to date			\$2,378 96
By cash remaining in the hands of Treasurer.....			\$ 270 95

C. M. WOLFF,
Treasurer Potomac Synod.

Hanover, Pa., October 13, 1905.

We the undersigned Auditing Committee hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. STEWART HARTMAN,
D. E. WINEBRENNER.

Mr. Chas. M. Wolff was re-elected Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Finance would respectfully offer the following report for your consideration:

There were referred to us the treasurer's report, and the following amounts to be apportionment upon the Classes, viz: General Synod Contingent, \$550; Home Missions, \$15,550; Hungarian and Harbor and Bohemian Missions, \$1,650; Church Building, \$3,070; Foreign Missions, \$10,675; Beneficiary Education, \$2,500; Theological Seminary, \$1,450; Catawba College, \$595 for interest account, and \$785 for Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.

We found the treasurer's report audited by the Trustees of Synod and found correct. Believing that it would facilitate the work of Synod, we offer the following:

Resolved, That the treasurer of Synod be requested to present his annual report in regular ledger form instead of the present form.

We have apportioned the amounts referred to us by Synod, except in the case of General Synod contingent. We find from the report of General Synod's treasurer that this Synod has a credit of \$160 overpaid, see Min. of Gen. Synod, p. 252, and have therefore apportioned only \$390 for this purpose.

Your committee has tabulated the arrearages of the various Classes and in submitting them to Synod's attention would offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be called to these arrearages, and Synod would kindly urge said Classes to fulfil the moral and financial obligation involved.

Resolved, That Classes be requested to urge congregations to contribute to the various benevolent objects of the Church as early in the classical year as possible, and furthermore, Synod would kindly urge upon all the classical treasurers to make prompt remittances of moneys due this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER, *Chairman*,
J. DAVID MILLER,

C. S. STAGLE,
JOHN BREWSTER

Apportionments.

	Gen. Synod Contingent.	Potomac Synod Contingent.	Home Missions.	Hung., Bohemian and Harbor Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	Total.
Zion's	65	100	2,200	220	1,400	440	265	195	95	4,980
Maryland	90	160	4,150	415	2,900	785	570	390	125	9,585
Mercersburg	35	90	1,500	150	950	310	265	125	60	3,485
Virginia	20	65	850	100	625	200	120	75	35	2,090
N. Carolina	30	75	1,025	140	675	250	160	115	55	2,525
Gettysburg	70	105	2,450	275	1,750	355	480	250	95	5,830
Carlisle	25	75	1,075	100	750	220	160	75	50	2,530
Juniata	55	115	2,300	250	1,625	510	480	225	80	5,640
	390	785	15,550	1,650	10,675	3,070	2,500	1,450	595	37,665

	Contin- gent.	Catawba College		Theological Seminary	
		1904	1905	1904	1905
Zion's		109 14	108 00	95 10	382 16
Maryland			28 00	77 86	360 00
Mercersburg		10 48	2 00	57 00	249 00
Virginia		60 00	48 00	97 00	300 00
N. Carolina				101 00	287 45
Gettysburg		67 00	32 66		146 00
Carlisle	41 13		*72 05	43 28	171 09
Juniata			133 00		486 00

*Overpaid.

Report of the Committee on Arrearages.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to tabulate arrearages on Washington Church, Science Building and Catawba College, including interest on Washington Church respectfully reports, that we find arrearages on Washington Church to be as follows:

Mercersburg Classis	\$107
One year's interest at five per cent.	5
Total arrearages of Mercersburg Classis	\$112
Zion's Classis, due the treasurer of the Potomac Synod on June 2, 1904	\$ 7
One year's interest at five per cent.	
	\$
By cash May 6, 1905, on account	
Total arrearages from Zion's Classis	\$

The account of Zion's Classis for the Washington Church differs in a measure from the account of the other Classes of the Synod, in that, on June 25th, 1903, the late Treasurer of Synod, Geo. N. Forney, advanced from the Contingent Fund of the Synod, the sum of one hundred and forty-four dollars and seventy cents (\$144.70), at the request of delegates of Zion's Classis to the Synod, to pay in full the pledge of said Zion's Classis on this account.

Therefore, the indebtedness of Zion's Classis on Washington Church is to this Synod direct.

We herewith append the schedule of arrearages on Science Building, and Catawba College, for the Synodical year, ending the 13th day of October, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART HARTMAN;

T. J. BARKLEY,

C. M. WOLFF,

Committee.

CLASSES.	CATAWBA COLLEGE.			SCIENCE BUILDING.		
	Apportioned, 1904.	Paid on Apportionment.	Arrearages.	Apportioned, 1904.	Paid on Apportionment.	Arrearages.
Maryland	\$183 00	\$155 00	\$ 28 00	\$285 00	\$ 42 00	\$243 00
Gettysburg	133 00	40 34	92 66	240 00	50 00	190 00
Juniata	133 00	.....	133 00	240 00	60 00	180 00
Zion's	108 00	.....	108 00	132 00	21 02	110 98
Mercersburg	73 00	71 00	2 00	133 00	.....	133 00
Carlisle*	48 00	67 25	.....	80 00	40 17	39 83
Virginia	48 00	.....	48 00	60 00	.....	60 00
North Carolina.....	78 00	78 00	.....	80 00	.....	80 00

*Carlisle Classis has overpaid on apportionment for Catawba College, \$19.25.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees respectfully offers the following report, to wit:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, your Board held two meetings. The first was held in Hanover, Pa., on the second day of January, 1905. At the opening of this meeting, Elder Jacob D. Zehring, who was elected at the last meeting of Synod for the term of five years, declined to serve as a member of the Board, and the Rev. T. J. Barkley was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Board then organized by electing the following officers, to wit: The Rev. John W. Pontius, Middletown, Md., President; the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, Gettysburg, Pa., Vice-President and Secretary. Charles M. Wolff, Esq., Hanover, Pa., who is the Treasurer of Synod, is also the Treasurer of the Board.

Treasurer Wolff submitted his bond, secured in the Fidelity Trust Company, of Baltimore, Md., for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), at a cost of \$25.00. The bond was examined and approved, and an order in favor of Mr. Wolff granted for the amount of cost.

The matter of securing an amendment to the charter, touching the eligibility of members of the Board for re-election, was placed in the hands of the President, and the amendment will doubtless be secured when the Legislature of Maryland meets in 1906.

The annual meeting was held in Hanover, Pa., on the third day of October, 1905. At this meeting it became the duty of the Board to fill a vacancy caused by the sudden death of one of its most esteemed members, Elder Jacob H. Schriver, who entered into rest on the 23d of July. A suitable minute was ordered to be made of the high regard in which he was held, and of his efficient services as a member of the Board.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Schriver was filled by the election of Mr. David E. Winebrenner, of Hanover, Pa.

In accordance with the action of Synod at the last annual meeting, the Board appointed a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. T. J. Barkley, the Rev. J. Stewart Hartman and Mr. David E. Winebrenner, to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Board at this meeting audited the Seminary Endowment Securities, in the hands of the Treasurer, and found them well invested and bearing a good rate of interest.

There are in the custody of the Treasurer, notes, bonds and mortgages aggregating thirty-four thousand one hundred and eleven dollars (\$34,111), an increase, by the sale of bonds, over the amount reported last year, of one thousand, one hundred and eleven dollars (\$1,111).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, well invested, with accrued interest, amounts to two thousand, thirty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$2,039.79).

The term of office of the Rev. John W. Pontius will expire on the first day of January, 1906. The Synod should therefore at this meeting elect his successor. The Board respectfully submits the name of the Rev. John W. Pontius to fill the vacancy which will occur at the time designated.

The Board adopted the following, and instructed its Secretary to embody it in this annual report, as an overture to Synod, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Potomac has endeavored to enact its part of the agreement entered into with the North Carolina Classis with reference to the endowment of Catawba College, insomuch as it pays interest on the portion of \$17,000 not yet collected, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Synod has direct supervision of all investments of the endowment of Potomac Synod's professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees respectfully overture Synod to request and urge North Carolina Classis to make to the Treasurer of Synod a full and definite statement of all funds contributed to the endowment of Catawba College, as pertains to the pledge of Synod, setting forth the investments of the funds, in whose custody said investments are to be found, so that the Board of Trustees may have supervision of the same.

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President*.

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary*.

Gettysburg, Pa., October 17, 1905.

Rev. John W. Pontius was duly elected member of the Board of Trustees to serve for the term of five years, from Jan. 1, 1906.

Members of the Board of Trustees and term of service.—Rev. J. W. Pontius, January 1, 1911; Elder J. D. Zehring, January 1, 1910; Elder C. M. Wolff, January 1, 1909; Rev. J. S. Hartman, January 1, 1908; David E. Winebrenner, January 1, 1907.

A committee was appointed consisting of Revs. J. S. Hartman, T. J. Barkley, D.D., and Elder C. M. Wolff, to determine, by examining the books of the Treasurer, the amount due from the several Classes as arrearages on Science Building and on pledges made to pay indebtedness on Washington Church. Said Committee is to report to the Stated Clerk that their report may be incorporated in the Minutes of this session of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

**Report of the Sunday-School Board of the Reformed Church to the
District Synods.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The detailed report of the Editorial and Business departments, and of the Sunday-school and Missionary work of the Board, for the past year, is given in the Triennial Report of the Board to the General Synod. A copy of the Triennial Report accompanies this brief statement, and is presented to the Synod for its consideration.

The Board trusts that your Reverend Synod will emphasize the importance of the work of the Sunday-school.

The subject of Moral and Religious Education is in the air. It is generally conceded that the Sunday-school is a school of religion, and as such, bears heavy responsibility in the work of the Church.

The history of the Sunday-school from Robert Raikes till now, presents a gratifying advance. Six particulars may be noted:

1. The character and membership of the school. From neglected and poor children to all classes of children, and including as well, young people and adults.

2. The teachers. The modern school started with a few paid teachers. Today a vast army of men and women give their services freely,—for Christ's sake. There is nothing grander than this since the days of the Son of man.

3. At first, instruction was given in reading, writing, etc. Now the Bible is the sole text-book.

4. Methods. At first the sole work consisted of memorizing texts. Now we aim both to memorize and study passages.

5. The subject matter. In place of random choices of Biblical passages, there are used systematic, uniform lessons. And the graded school, with its supplemental material, has come to stay.

6. The pastor. The time has long since gone by when a minister of the gospel would oppose the Sunday-school. Today the Church has learned anew to emphasize the teaching function of the ministry, and to look upon the pastor of the Church as the leader of the Sunday-school.

The time is at hand when God imposes upon us the duty of developing all the latent possibilities of the Sunday-school. More time and attention must be given to the moral and religious instruction of the young. The dignity and the high

calling of the Sunday-school teacher must be more fully recognized by the individual occupying this responsible position and by the parents and the Church.

The place of the child as central, both to the correct understanding of the truths of our holy religion, and to the proper methods of their promulgation, must be more clearly seen. It is not plain, therefore, that the Church, through her ecclesiastical judicatories, should call renewed attention to the fundamental importance of the Sunday-school.

To do this, we trust your reverend body will give specific instructions to the Sunday-school Board in your Synod, and ask each Classis for the co-operation of their Committee on Sunday-school work. The printed report of the Board presents suggestions for the work of the several committees, and also the pastors of the churches. We would refer particularly to the Standard of Excellence, to the Teachers Training Course, Volume Two of which has just been issued, and to the Lesson Helps and Hymnals, published by the Board. The feeling grows upon us that our Synods and Classes should, by resolutions and some definite action, bring home to the heart and conscience of the pastors and consistories of the Church, the two-fold admonition of the great Head of the Church, "Feed my Lambs." This injunction, in order of time and of importance is first. Has not the Church reversed the command, and may we not believe that the neglect to carry out the teaching and example of our Lord, in relation to the young, accounts for the comparatively slow progress of the kingdom?

Brethren, let the prayers of the Church ascend in behalf of the Sunday-school work. Let us have a more profound sense of its growing importance, and let us make a more generous provision for its needs.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., September, 1905.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report. It was received, read, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

There have been referred to your Committee the statistical reports of the Sunday-schools, except that of Gettysburg Classis; a circular letter from the officers of the Sunday-school Board, and item 8 of the Committee on Minutes of General

Synod. Your Committee has tabulated the statistical reports; and after carefully weighing all items referred to the Committee, we recommend to the Synod the favorable consideration of the following:

Resolved, That Synod again urge greater uniformity and care in tabulating the reports, in order that the deductions may have more definite value.

Resolved, That Synod requests the Classes to call the attention of pastors and members to the great importance of constant efforts to increase the membership, and improve the attendance of the Sunday-schools within their bounds.

Resolved, That the several Classical Sunday-school Committees be urged thoroughly to organize for more aggressive Sunday-school work.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. LEIBY,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
C. W. WARLICK.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	CLASSES.								Totals.
	Zion's.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	Maryland.	Mercersburg.	Gettysburg.	Junata.	Carlisle.	
Sunday-schools	38	28	42	62	21	29	41	20	281
Officers and Teachers..	742	311	429	1,104	358	440	599	294	3,897
Scholars	5,919	1,927	4,803	8,923	2,363	3,529	4,983	2,226	34,673
Home Department	219	.....	216	456	133	.....	111	177	1,312
Total Membership	6,843	1,921	5,415	9,624	2,826	3,975	5,693	2,697	38,994
Average Attendance ...	3,459	1,141	1,913	4,057	1,328	1,583	3,054	1,336	17,871
Church Mem. in S. S..	656	660	1,133	2,448	906	847	2,258	1,302	10,510
Baptized Scholars	729	394	533	2,600	568	1,108	2,143	862	8,946
Scholars Confirmed ...	123	75	186	351	94	183	277	87	1,376
Volumes in Libraries..	2,846	1,650	1,134	7,968	2,578	2,885	3,492	1,787	24,340
Paid to Gen. S.S.Board	\$50	\$60	\$33	\$235	\$57	\$130	\$131	\$150	\$746
Paid to Other Boards..	312	104	107	1,281	381	674	670	372	3,901
Paid to Other Objects..	444	35	246	618	245	350	536	486	2,910
Sunday-school Support.	4,574	735	1,100	5,122	1,403	1,160	2,638	1,210	17,982
Total disbursements.	\$5,390	\$960	\$1,480	\$7,256	\$2,086	\$2,114	\$3,973	\$2,068	\$25,539

Revs. E. M. Stonebraker and A. Conner were duly elected members of the Sunday-school Board; the former for five years, and the latter for one.

Members of the Sunday-school Board and date of expiration of term of service.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; Rev. P. A. DeLong, 1908; Rev. F. L. Kerr, 1909; Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, 1910; Rev. Atville Conner, 1906.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 24, of the Report on Minutes of Synod. It was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Sessions and of the Special Session of the Synod printed, and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board, of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$284.70, and was completed three months after the close of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK.

Report of the Board of Publication.

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: We herewith present to your Reverend Bodies the annual report of your Publication Board. With the view of keeping in touch as much as possible with the interest entrusted to their oversight and care, the Board has been holding two meetings annually, one in March and one in September. The Manager submits to the Board at each meeting a statement of the condition of the business and at the close of the year, July 1st, a committee appointed by the Board audits the books, takes an inventory of the stock and reports the assets and liabilities of the plant to the September meeting of the Board. In the very nature of the case, the Board is under the necessity of relying largely upon the explanations, representations and judgment of those in charge of the business, as their intimate and constant association with all the operations of the concern gives them a practical understanding of its affairs, such as it is not possible for the members of the Board to possess.

The financial condition of our Publication affairs is represented by the following report which was approved by the auditing committee:

RESOURCES.

Cash	\$1,598 78	
Cash invested	1,000 00	
New Hymnal—in process of manufacture	4,600 00	
Accounts receivable—Book Department.....	2,832 96	
Accounts receivable—Advertising Department.....	855 62	
Merchandise—Book Department	5,603 10	
Merchandise—Messenger	439 17	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,268 32	
Rent paid in advance	250 00	
Messenger—Subscriptions due	1,666 25	
Review—Subscriptions due	321 50	
		<u>\$20,435 7</u>

LIABILITIES.

Messenger—subscriptions paid in advance.....	\$ 4,478 75	
Review—subscriptions paid in advance	228 00	
Capital June 30, 1905	15,728 95	
		<u>\$20,435 7</u>

LOSSES AND GAINS.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.		LOSSES.	GAINS.
Inventory July 1, 1905.....	\$ 5,603 10		
Credits for the year.....	23,351 99		
	<u>\$28,955 09</u>		
Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$ 8,021 67		
Debits for the year.....	20,005 21		
	<u>\$28,026 88</u>		
Interest on Investments.....			\$ 928 21
Royalty from S. S. Board....			194 00
			<u>750 00</u>

MESSENGER.

Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$ 397 54	
Debits for the year.....	16,421 50	
Subscriptions paid in advance..	4,478 75	
	<u>\$21,297 79</u>	
Inventory July 1, 1905.....	\$ 439 17	
Credits for the year.....	12,650 56	
Subscriptions due	1,666 25	
	<u>\$14,755 98</u>	
		<u>\$6,541 81</u>

REVIEW.

Debits for the year.....	\$ 783 18	
Subscriptions paid in advance..	228 00	
	<u>\$ 1,011 18</u>	
Credits for the year.....	\$ 639 65	
Subscriptions due	321 50	
	<u>\$ 961 15</u>	
		<u>\$ 50 03</u>

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory July 1, 1904.....	\$ 1,247 07	
Debits for the year.....	27 25	
	<u>\$ 1,274 32</u>	
Inventory July 1, 1905.....	1,268 32	
	<u>\$ 6 00</u>	
Expenses Board meetings and Committees and Printing Reports.....	105 40	
Net loss.....		<u>\$4,831 03 21</u>
	<u>\$6,703 24</u>	<u>\$6,703 24 21</u>

This statement is not as satisfactory as we had hoped it would be and it shows that some changes of procedure must be made. The capital is given at \$15,728.95, which is almost \$5,000 less than that reported last year; the net earnings of the Book Department is not one-half as much as last year; and the deficit on the Messenger is much larger. The reduction in the capital is in part accounted for by the fact that in last year's report no account was taken of subscriptions paid in advance and subscriptions due. The difference in the Messenger deficit is explained by the fact that last year's report included an item of about \$4,000 subscriptions due, which are uncollectible. Whilst this explanation accounts for the variations in the annual statement, it is nevertheless true that the deficit in the Messenger account has been very considerable ever since the reduction of its price to \$1.25. This is a feature in our Publication affairs that seemed to the Board to require immediate attention, though the plant remains in a good financial condition.

We regret to report that the Messenger has been published at such a considerable loss. Our expectations, that in consequence of the reduction in the price of the paper the subscription list would be largely increased, have not been realized. The number of subscribers at present is only a little over 8,000. In order to maintain the paper at the low price at least 12,000 subscribers are needed. It seems this number can not be secured. The Board accordingly, at its last meeting, instructed its Manager to increase the price of the Messenger at the beginning of the coming year to its former figure of \$1.75 per annum. This course was forced upon the Board by the facts as they have been developed. The Church undoubtedly demands a high-class family paper, such as we believe the Messenger to be. In our judgment it compares very favorably with the papers of other Churches that are published at \$2.00 and upwards. If, however, we could have secured from twelve to fifteen thousand subscribers, the Messenger might have been sustained at \$1.25. But as the case stands, it is necessary to put the price at the figure it was previous to the reduction. If our patrons feel disappointed in this matter, we can assure them that their disappointment is not greater than that of the Board. It now devolves upon the pastors and people of the Church who desire a first-class religious family paper to rally to the support of the Messenger at the increased price above mentioned.

The Board approved the management of Rev. A. E. Bennett and requested him to continue in the present position, which has proved satisfactory to both parties, and also instructed him, as Acting Manager, to attend the meetings of Synod this fall.

and make such explanations of Publication matters as may be necessary.

The members of your Board by invitation of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, met on September 6th of this year, in conference with representatives of the Sunday-school, the Home Mission and the Foreign Mission Boards, for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a Reformed Church Building, for the use of the various Boards of the Church. It was the judgment of this conference that such a building would be desirable; that it ought to be located in Philadelphia; that it ought to be owned by a commission in trust for the Reformed Church; that this commission ought to be composed of five members to be selected as follows: One by each of the four Boards represented in the conference, and the fifth one by the four thus chosen; that this commission or Board of Trustees ought to be incorporated for the transaction of the business entrusted to them.

The Publication Board afterwards in regular session designated Elders H. M. Housekeeper and J. W. Bickel to view locations for the proposed building and convey their judgment in the matter to the Sunday-school Board, and it also passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, That we appoint W. Rush Gillan, Esq., to enter the proposed corporation, on the condition that this Publication Board be in no way made financially responsible for the actions of said corporation.”

The term of office of J. W. Bickel and A. E. Truxal expires December 31, 1905. It will devolve upon the Synod to which these members belong, to fill the vacancies thus occasioned. However, as J. W. Bickel was re-elected last year by the Eastern Synod, one year prior to the expiration of his term, we would suggest that his re-election be made to cover the term from December 31, 1905, to December 31, 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented its report during the sessions of Saturday morning. It was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Publication begs leave to report as follows: That we have examined the report of the Board of Publication, which was the only document referred to us. From this report we learn

that the interests of the Board have been wisely managed during the year. We notice that the book department is on paying basis; that the Messenger account shows a deficit of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 each year; that the price of the Messenger will be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.75 after January 1st, 1906. Therefore, in lieu of the foregoing facts, be it

1. *Resolved*. That we express our appreciation of the work of the Board in its management of our Publication interests.

2. *Resolved*. That we commend the Editor of the Messenger on the high grade Church paper he has given us, both as to contents and general character of the paper.

3. *Resolved*. That we commend the action of the Board in restoring the price of the Messenger to a self-supporting basis as both safe and sane business.

4. *Resolved*. That we urge our pastors and elders to stand by the Board and to commend this action of the Board, with respect to the price of the Messenger to their people.

5. *Resolved*. That we urge our constituency to loyalty to our publication interests, both in the book department and for the larger circulation of the Messenger and Review.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL,
C. S. SLAGLE,
J. HAMILTON SMITH,
JOHN FREYER,
D. F. RITCHIE.

The State Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present session duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Members of the Board of Publication and date of expiration of terms of service — P. H. S. Slagle, 1905; W. Frank Gillen, 1906.

ARTICLE III MISCELLANEOUS

MISCELLANEOUS

During the session of Friday the Standing Committee on Nominations presented a report which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of copies of the constitution was ordered to be printed for the use of the year. The session was made the order of the day, the business immediately after Preparatory Session. At the close of the session the session was held. The session was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Smith and a large number of visitors were present.

ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home and Sunday-school Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations herewith present the following names as candidates for the vacancies referred to us on the several Boards of Synod, namely:

Board of Education.—Three to be chosen for three years.—Rev. Wm. C. Cremer, D.D.; Rev. I. N. Peightel, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.; Rev. Ellis Hay, Rev. M. M. Noaker, Rev. A. H. Smith. One for two years.—Rev. J. P. Harner, Rev. C. W. Levan.

Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.—Three to be chosen for three years.—Revs. M. O. Noll, F. F. Bahner, D.D.; J. S. Kieffer, D.D.; C. Clever, D.D.; T. K. Cromer, Theodore C. Hesson. One for two years.—Revs. J. B. Shontz, J. O. Reagle.

Woman's College Board.—One to be chosen for five years.—Adrian C. McCardell, David V. Stauffer.

Board of Visitros of Theological Seminary.—One to be chosen for one year.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D.; J. W. Pontius.

Trustees of Theological Seminary.—One to be chosen for five years.—Robert L. Motter, E. A. Rice. One to be chosen for one year.—C. M. Wolff, Esq.; H. T. Weaver.

Trustees of Synod.—One to be chosen for five years.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, C. S. Slagle.

Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.—Two to be chosen for four years.—Revs. E. R. Deatruck, H. H. Apple, E. O. Keen, H. J. Hillegass. One for two years.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, J. T. Fox.

Sunday-School Board.—One to be chosen for five years.—Revs. H. H. Apple, E. W. Stonebraker. One for one year.—Revs. Atvill Conner, M. A. Keiffer.

Deaconess Home.—One to be elected for four years.—Revs. F. C. Yost, D.D.; E. E. Emhoff. One for three years.—Revs. E. R. Deatruck, I. S. Leiby. One to be elected for three years.—I. Laucks, A. R. Brodbeck. One for one year.—Revs. Geo. Stibitz, Ph.D.; J. S. Hartman.

Catawba College Board.—Six to be elected for three years.—W. H. Williams, Eph. A. Comman, D. M. Carpenter, Edward Schrum, Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D.; C. S. Slagle, W. W.

Rowe, M. O. Noll, Geo. T. Showers, M.D.; E. A. Ramsauer, M.D.; P. J. Klutz, M.D.; I. H. Lough. Two for two years.—
Revs. J. A. Foil, A. H. Smith, J. D. Andrew; C. C. Bobst.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report, that information concerning Bethany Orphan Home, St. Paul's Orphan Home and the new institution started by North Carolina Classis, Nazareth Orphan Home, has been placed in our hands.

An investigation of these reports reveals the presence of 123 children at Bethany, 19 of whom are from the bounds of this Synod. This institution is in a most gratifying condition, enjoying the hearty support of the Church. At St. Paul's there are 69 children, 19 being from the territory of this Synod. Here the support of the Church has also been given, and favorable results are to be noted. Their debt of \$6,000 continues to embarrass the work, and calls for speedy removal. Nazareth Orphan Home reports 16 acres of ground bought, on which is to be erected a suitable building, towards which \$5,000 is already pledged.

From these brief extracts it is seen that this phase of benevolent work shows an unusual degree of prosperity, and indicates a most auspicious outlook for the future; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the Father of all mercies for the bountiful provision shown towards these institutions, whereby the Church has been enabled to care for the needy orphan.

Resolved, That we congratulate the brethren having in charge the work of these various Homes, and pledge them our hearty co-operation in their sacrificial labor.

Resolved, That we commend these institutions to the continual support of the Church, urging more liberal contribution towards these worthy causes.

Resolved, That the offerings at Christmas be taken in the respective congregations, and that, in view of its condition, St. Paul's Home be especially remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DUTTERA, *Chairman.*

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows was presented to Synod by the Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller. It was referred to a committee, Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., F. A. Rupley, and Elder J. Brewster. They presented their report on Monday. It was received, read and adopted. To this same committee was referred a communication from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief. The report of the committee is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present for information the following statement of receipts and expenditures of the same within the bounds of the Potomac Synod for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1905:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$257 44
Gettysburg Classis	200 00
Juniata Classis	107 94
Virginia Classis	79 08
Zion's Classis	58 76
Carlisle Classis	57 69
Mercersburg Classis	7 57
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	\$768 48

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	2 annuitants.....	\$ 80 00
Virginia Classis	2 "	125 00
Juniata Classis	1 "	50 00
Carlisle Classis	1 "	100 00
Gettysburg Classis	1 "	50 00
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		\$405 00

In view of the above statement, we are pleased that your contributions to the cause of relief are over and above the appropriations of the Society to the annuitants within your bounds. This is a record worthy of imitation, and should serve as a stimulus to other parts of the Church. With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer and Solicitor.*

Frederick, Md., Oct. 16, 1905.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States

present for publication in the minutes of your Reverend Body.
The following statement of the financial operations of the same
for the year ending Sept. 30th. 1905:

RECEIPTS

Cash in treasury September 30, 1904	\$ 3,045 88
From loans paid	4,850 00
From collections in the churches	3,245 37
From interest on investments	2,032 73
From royalty on Church hymnals	2,754 10
From royalty on Sunday-school hymnals	100 00
From individual gifts	240 25
From bequest of Elizabeth Ober Young	100 00
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	\$17,128 30

EXPENDITURES

Paid for re-investment	\$ 4,850 00
New investment:	
For life memberships	\$2,730 00
Cash	1,745 00
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	4,475 00
To 63 annuitants	3,797 02
Treasurer's salary and bond	610 00
Treasurer's traveling expenses	102 01
For printing	18 75
Executive Board	1 50
For postage and stationery	24 94
Cash in treasury September 30, 1905	3,247 88
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	\$17,128 30

The following have become life members during the year:
Revs. John E. Dingiedine, John W. Love, D.D.; Rufus W. Milier, D.D.; James M. Kunkle, Harvey L. Crow, H. A. L. Benner, Karl Stein, A. Theo. Wright, Israel S. Leiby, Charles Becker, John Arnold, Wm. T. Buchanan, John Kuerton, Jacob Sterrer, David B. Clark, Phil. Steinhage, Bechtold Ruf, Frederick A. Cook, James J. Schaeffer, John B. Kaloria, S. Ezra Neikirk, John W. Albertson, Cosmos H. Herbst, George A. Dreibelbies, Wm. H. Lahr, John F. Kerlin, John S. Heffner, Benj. M. Meyer, Theo. C. Hesson, Jacob N. Faust, J. Thomas Fox, Geo. E. Metger, Carl Jaekel, Howard Obold, Reuben E. Shultz, Charles E. Schaeffer, Charles F. Greitz, Paul I. Deppen, William H. Kerschmer, Wm. F. Curtis, Albert Krahn and Henry Schenk.

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY

Invested fund	\$70,300 00
Cash in treasury	3,247 88
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	\$73,547 88

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY—Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Assessor, Frederick, Md.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RELIEF SOCIETY.

Your Committee to which were referred item 4 of the report of a Committee of General Synod on the organization of a Ministerial Relief Society; a communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Ministerial Relief Society, asking for aid to carry forward its work, and a statement from the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, presents the following report, to wit:

The Committee has carefully considered the several subjects referred to it, and begs leave to offer the following for consideration and action:

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it advisable, at this time, to favor the consolidation of the different Relief Societies in the Church under one General Board.

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the Classes and congregations are already burdened with apportionments and other financial claims that demand the exercise of all their financial ability, this Synod does not deem it wise or prudent to request its Classes to aid in the operations of General Synod's Relief Society.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its full confidence in the management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and believes it competent to meet all worthy applications for aid throughout the Church.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the late General Synod at Allentown, Pa., commended this Society anew to "the confidence and support of the Church," and because the demands upon its treasury are steadily growing, this Synod, through the several Classes, urges upon pastors and consistories the importance of presenting the claims of the Society to their people, at least once a year, and receive their offerings for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
F. A. RUPLEY, JR.,
JOHN BREWSTER.

Deaconess Home.

The Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home presented their annual report. It was read and then referred to a Special Committee, Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., E. R. Deatrick, B.D.,

and Elder J. Gassman. Subsequently they presented their report. It was received, read, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Board.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: When the report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was made to your Honorable Body, one year ago, definite reasons were given why it was impossible for the members of the Board to act in the capacity to which they were elected. By action of Synod, in spite of our earnest protest, the matter was again referred to us. We have given thorough consideration to your request, and appreciate deeply the confidence reposed in us. At the same time, as the conditions and circumstances have not materially changed, at least not for the better, we can only reiterate our former report, and respectfully ask Synod to place the work in the hands of those who can accomplish what is so ardently desired and can reasonably be expected. We thank you for the high honor conferred upon us, and regret exceedingly that we cannot carry out your wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. LYTTLE, *Secretary.*

This committee having in charge the report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess House, after a careful reading of the report, a conference with the several members of the Board, and further inquiry with others interested in the establishment of such Home, offer the following as their report:

From the information gleaned, as above, it is the conviction of your committee that the conditions holding in the matter are most decidedly unfavorable to the establishment of a Deaconess Home, at least for the present, and in the city of York, where the Synod had fondly hoped such Home could and would be established.

Whilst your Committee would not advise Synod to abandon entirely this project, we do deem it advisable to suggest to Synod that no further action touching the matter be had at this session, but that it be left to the Board as now constituted, to watch for any opportunity that may be open for the furthering of the desire of Synod to establish such home, whether at York or elsewhere, and report to Synod at its next annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS,
E. R. DEATRICK.

Rev. H. H. Apple presented his resignation as member of the Board. His resignation was accepted.

At the election for members of the Boards of Synod, Rev. F. C. Yost was elected for four years, Rev. E. R. Deatruck, B.D., for three years, Rev. J. S. Hartman for one year, and Elder I. Laucks for three years.

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home.—Revs. F. C. Yost, 1909; E. R. Deatruck, 1908; J. S. Hartman, 1906; Elders I. Laucks, 1908; E. G. Shower, 1907; P. C. Wiest, 1906.

Report of Special Committee on Item 10 of Overtures.

The Special Committee, consisting of Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., J. S. Hartman, and Elder M. W. Bahn, to whom the overture from Elder George W. Hoffman, tendering two farms for an orphanage, was referred, presented their report on Monday evening. The report was read and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

At the request of Elder Geo. W. Hoffman, who is a member of St. James congregation, Christ Church charge, Adams county, Pa., I present to the Synod for consideration and action at this meeting, the following proposition, to wit:

Elder Hoffman desires to donate to the Synod, by deed, two hundred acres of land, consisting of two adjoining farms, on each of which is a good brick house and a commodious barn. The land is all under good cultivation, except 30 acres of woodland. These farms are five miles from Littlestown, and four and one-half miles from Kingsdale, on the Pennsylvania Railroad. At a low estimate, they are worth \$6,000.00.

It is the desire of Mr. Hoffman that the Synod, in case this offer is accepted, shall establish an orphanage on these premises, to be under the control and supervision of the Synod.

Synod is respectfully requested to take action at this meeting, in order that Mr. Hoffman may know whether or not he can dispose of this property as he feels and desires that he should.

Respectfully,

October 18, 1905.

T. J. BARKLEY.

Your committee to which was referred the proposal of Elder George W. Hoffman, of Adams Co., Pa., to donate to this Synod a certain property for the purpose of establishing an Orphan Home, presents the following report, to wit:

Your Committee has considered the generous offer of Elder Hoffman, and offer the following as its report:

WHEREAS, Elder George W. Hoffman, of Adams county, Pa., has offered to donate to this Synod, two adjoining farms located in said county, aggregating 200 acres, for the purpose of establishing an Orphanage thereon, therefore

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its appreciation of Elder Hoffman's generous offer, and tenders him its cordial thanks for the same.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed and delegated with authority to act for the best interests of the Synod in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. STEWART HARTMAN,
M. W. BAHN.

The Special Committee was constituted the committee called for in the last resolution.

Committee to Visit Zion's Classis.

The Special Committee appointed to visit Zion's Classis in order to lay before that Classis the action of Synod, reported. The report, together with the response of the Classis, were read, and ordered printed.

The committee appointed, at the last meeting of this Synod, to lay before Zion's Classis the Synod's action upon a certain memorial presented to it by members of said Classis, would respectfully report that the instructions of Synod were duly carried out. The chairman of the Committee presented himself at the opening of the annual meeting of Zion's Classis, May 8, at Hellam, York Co., Pa. On the morning of the 9th, an opportunity was given him to discharge the duty upon which he had been sent. He read the resolutions passed by this Synod, and, as well as he was able, explained to the Classis the spirit and purpose of the Synod's action. He was respectfully and attentively listened to. No action was taken at the time, and, immediately after the close of that session he was called away by another engagement. Afterwards, however, he received, from the Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis, a copy of the formal action taken by the Classis, at a later time in its sessions, in reference to the matter in question. This, being in the form of a communication addressed to this Synod, was sent to the Stated Clerk, through whom it will be duly presented to this body.

Elder J. H. Schriver, as a member of this Committee, was present at the above-mentioned meeting of Zion's Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee, to whom was referred the action of Potomac Synod, growing out of a statement to

Potomac Synod by certain members of Zion's Classis in a so-called Memorial, would submit for adoption the following as the answer of Zion's Classis to the action of Potomac Synod:

The statements of the paper, which Potomac Synod apparently accepted as a statement of facts, does not adequately represent the point of view nor the actions of Classis.

The paper says, First, "*Classis refused to accept the apportionment for Home Missions sent down from Synod.*"

The facts are: While Zion's Classis did not see its way clear to accept Synod's apportionment for Home Missions, partly because of its own organized missionary work and expenses, and partly because of its unwillingness to co-operate, at the time, with the work of the Board in the bounds of this Classis, yet Zion's Classis did not hinder any charge or pastor from presenting the matter of missions, nor Synod's apportionment to the people, but opened the way for charges so disposed voluntarily to accept the usual proportional share of Synod's apportionment, and did incorporate in its minutes and send down to the charges, so agreed to as regular apportionments.

The paper says, Second, "*Classis refused financial and moral support of the Deaconess Home Work, authorized by Synod, on the ground that it was Synod's work and not the work of Classis.*"

The facts are: When Classis was asked, not by Synod, but by Synod's committee to make an appropriation of \$150.00 and give moral support to the Deaconess Home to be located at York, Pa., the statement was made, by a member of the committee, that the \$150.00 was for preliminary work, such as stationery, postage, etc., and not for immediate work on Deaconess Home. When objection was made to Zion Classis reimbursing Synod's committee, or of taking the initiative in financial support, a member of Synod's committee stated that if such financial apportionment would not be given, the other part of the request would be meaningless, whereupon the action of Classis, declining to comply with the committee's request, was taken. So far as known, no member was disposed to withhold moral support nor co-operation with Synod in the matter. Zion's Classis disclaims the interpretation placed on its action.

The paper says, Third, "*Classis refused to accept the recommendations of Synod in regard to the Reformed Church Messenger, and disclaimed interest in and support of the Church paper.*"

The facts are: The minutes of Synod show that the recommendations of Synod regarding the Messenger were adopted. This Classis has not in any action disclaimed interest in the

Church paper. The minutes of Zion's Classis submitted to Potomac Synod at Everett, Pa., are in testimony. The action of Synod on page 27 of its printed minutes, stating that all Classes complied with Synod's request, is the further proof of the correctness of this claim.

The paper says, Fourth, "*Classis took unwarranted action against the motives and work of the pastors and consistories of Trinity and Grace Reformed Churches in York, in establishing Sunday-schools under their care, in East York and West York.*"

The facts are: Zion's Classis did not in any way pass upon the motives and work of the consistories of Trinity and Grace Churches. The record given in Vol. VI, page 106, of its minutes, shows no reference to the consistories. Classis had no reason to suppose that said consistories were in official or any active way associated with the pastors in the action under judgment. Nor did Classis take unwarranted action against the motives and work of the pastors of Trinity and Grace Churches, but simply stated its judgment based on facts given and stated in the minutes of Classis, Vol. VI, page 106, and which action was submitted to Synod in the minutes of Classis. At the time of the action of Classis, there was no objection nor complaint to the statement and action. The pastor of Trinity Church was present, and stated openly on the floor of Classis that he had no objection to Classis taking the action, and the action was taken without a dissenting vote.

The paper says, Fifth, "*Classis falsely accused the Home Mission Board of exceeding its authority in commissioning a missionary to take charge of their interests after they had been organized into congregations and constituted a charge by the action of the Classis itself, and further published these arbitrary proceedings in the secular and Church papers, and thus retarded the development and progress of the general church work in York.*"

The facts are: The contention of Classis concerning the action of the Board of Home Missions was that the Board should not have appointed a missionary and pledged support before the organization of the congregations and charge were recognized and confirmed by action of Classis, nor without conference with Classis.

The records of Zion's Classis do not show that the proceedings of Classis were published in secular and Church papers by any action or responsibility of Classis, just as Zion's Classis is not responsible for a previous publication of criticism upon the action of Classis published in the secular papers immediately following the annual meeting of Classis held in May, 1904.

Zion's Classis therefore disclaimed any "arbitrary" or "unwarranted" action concerning the matters in question, or that any of its members have been "hampered" and "restricted" in any legitimate church work. The records will show that all charges and all pastors are accorded equal and full rights, and results show that loyalty and faithfulness to the Church are not confined to any limited number of its members.

Zion's Classis thoroughly appreciates Potomac Synod's action in appointing a committee to convey its action to Zion's Classis, and gladly records its appreciation of the courteous presentation made by Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D. It is, however, a matter of keen regret to Zion's Classis, that Potomac Synod, in a matter of such serious import, was willing to recognize the paper as presented by certain members, as constituting, under the constitution, a ground for action; and that Potomac Synod was willing, without thorough investigation, to accept the statements as giving all the facts in the case and that Potomac Synod passed judgment and sentence without asking for and hearing an official rejoinder.

F. C. YOST,
GEORGE STIBITZ,
E. H. KRANTZ.

York, Pa., May 29, 1905.

The foregoing (two pages) is a true copy from the original Minutes of Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Attest: AARON SPANGLER, *Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis.*

York, Pa., May 29, 1905.

ARTICLE XXII. MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented its report, which was received, read, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology would respectfully report:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, but one of our number has been called from the earthly ministry into the spiritual world.

THE REV. H. F. DITTMAR.

Rev. Dittmar was born in Loysburg, Pa., Sept. 11, 1864; departed this life, Sunday, June 4, 1905, at Jefferson, Md., being 41 years of age.

His parents, of staunch Reformed lineage, were John Dittmar, of Germany, one of the pillars of St. John Reformed

church, Loysburg; Catharine (Diehl) Dittmar, of Friends Cove, Pa.

His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town; after which he entered F. & M. College, graduating, June, 1887.

In September following, he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, graduating from that institution, May, 1890.

Soon after his graduating, he was examined and licensed by Juniata Classis, under whose care he had pursued his course of study.

Having received a call from the Jefferson charge, within the bounds of Maryland Classis, he was received by that Classis assembled in special session at Jefferson, June 16, 1890.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., T. F. Hoffmeier, S. L. Whitmore, S. S. Miller and H. W. Hoffmeier ordained him on June 22 of the same year. He was a good preacher and an excellent pastor. What he did, he did with his might!

His efficiency as pastor is attested by the improvements made to the parsonage and the church, and the commodious Sunday-school rooms built at Jefferson.

He was a true friend, frank and fearless, yet humble, tender and kind. He was held in an unusual degree of esteem and devotion by his members and friends. This was indicated in many ways previous to and also during his sickness and at his death.

The fact of his resigning the second time before his consistory would release him, was evidence of rare devotion indeed.

According to his own request, there was neither sermon nor address in connection with his funeral service. The service used was the "Burial Service" found in the Order of Worship. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., of Frederick, Md., had charge of the service. A number of ministers of the Reformed Church, and Rev. Metzgar, his Lutheran colleague, were present and took part in the service.

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever."

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. STONEBRAKER.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved. That the thanks of this Synod be and are herewith extended to the pastor and members of this congregation for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	Members			Additions.			Lost.			Sunday-Schools.			Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.				
			Communicants			Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re- newal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Baptism of Name.	Deaths, Com'ns.	Deaths, Un'cd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.		Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	General Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.
			Communicants	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.																
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.	Marlinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Without charge	254	214	226	14	2	14	4	8	8	7	4	4	2	140	...	\$190	\$225	21	
Isaac G. Hetrick	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.	Schellsburg	359	208	129	101	10	14	4	9	9	7	7	2	15	287	...	359	590	30	
Benjamin F. Hausman	Cressna, Bedford Co., Pa.	Unanims Creek	240	230	200	80	15	28	20	5	5	3	3	1	30	285	...	285	2832	12	
John D. Hicks	2327 7th Av., Altoona, Pa.	Grace, Altoona	438	315	142	15	2	11	6	5	5	...	11	...	20	278	...	713	1033	26	
Albert F. Nace	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.	St. Clairsville	323	251	96	6	10	22	27	2	2	...	2	4	67	310	...	288	2945	23	
John S. Heffner	Roaring Springs, Blair Co., Pa.	Hickory Bottom	840	274	187	10	2	12	7	9	9	15	8	1	20	162	1	500	1337	25	
Howard Obold	Alexandria, Hunting Co., Pa.	Water Street	354	287	65	8	8	15	7	13	...	...	...	...	24	204	...	320	684	18
Walter E. Garrett	McConnellstown, Hunting Co., Pa.	McConnellstown	201	225	111	5	2	12	3	11	...	10	7	...	28	245	...	479	918	13	
William C. Slough	Marlinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Marlinsburg	300	238	165	13	4	10	3	22	...	...	...	...	37	240	...	285	1100	26
George W. Welsh	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa.	Woodcock Valley	174	183	36	5	6	12	8	3	...	...	4	...	23	180	...	217	3028	14
J. David Miller	Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.	Everett	344	247	222	16	1	25	0	4	...	...	...	...	24	203	...	418	750	20
Charles W. Warlick	Mann's Choice, Bedford Co., Pa.	Sulphur Springs	214	159	79	6	3	8	6	4	...	...	...	...	16	111	...	240	1169	12
A. Thos. G. Apple	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.	St. John Bedford	694	450	215	15	0	27	33	4	...	16	3	2	32	383	...	912	8550	30	
Warren J. Johnson	1705 12th Av., Altoona, Pa.	Christ, Altoona	197	174	85	6	1	11	7	10	...	...	...	...	20	200	...	212	705	24
Christian Gumbert	Loyalsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.	Yellow Creek	403	391	265	80	11	33	1	14	...	...	14	3	36	572	...	573	1170	24
John D. Hunsicker	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Greenfield	235	193	113	10	6	14	10	9	...	...	...	...	32	303	...	208	2549	18
Charles F. Albhouse	Saxton, Bedford Co., Pa.	Saxton	285	206	187	4	1	1	4	8	...	...	...	...	12	132	...	171	619	24
Christian W. Sumner	R.F.D. 2, Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.	Friends Cove	522	479	312	35	4	23	25	7	...	...	...	...	33	455	1	1077	3281	15
George E. Lambert	411 8th St., Altoona, Pa.	Trinity, Altoona	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	48	...	21	...	18
Vacant	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.	Clear Ridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vacant	Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa.	Orbisonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D. H. Master	Huntingdon, Pa.	Huntingdon	374	279	122	15	8	16	16	4	...	...	4	...	26	300	...	1478	1572	13
			6518	5085	2876	267	84	304	214	137	...	59	69	24	43	641	3	32130	434345	387	

J. DAVID MILLER, Stated Clerk.

Total Statistical Summary of Potomac River for the Year A. D., 1903.

NAME	RESIDENCE	EDUCATION	EMPLOYMENT	MILITARY RECORD	CONTRIBUTION	REMARKS
John A. Smith	123 Main St, New York	High School	Teacher	1918-1920	\$100.00	
Mary E. Jones	456 Oak Ave, Chicago	College	Nurse	1919-1921	\$200.00	
Robert L. Brown	789 Elm St, Boston	University	Engineer	1920-1922	\$300.00	
Sarah K. White	321 Pine St, Philadelphia	Normal School	Teacher	1921-1923	\$150.00	
William H. Green	654 Maple St, St. Louis	High School	Farmer	1922-1924	\$250.00	
Elizabeth C. Black	987 Cedar St, San Francisco	College	Librarian	1923-1925	\$180.00	
James M. Gray	147 Birch St, New Orleans	University	Physician	1924-1926	\$400.00	
Anna D. Hall	256 Spruce St, Portland	High School	Shop Assistant	1925-1927	\$120.00	
Charles F. Young	365 Walnut St, New York	College	Engineer	1926-1928	\$350.00	
Grace W. Adams	474 Chestnut St, Chicago	Normal School	Teacher	1927-1929	\$160.00	
Franklin B. Baker	583 Madison St, Boston	University	Lawyer	1928-1930	\$500.00	
Harriet L. Carter	692 Elm St, Philadelphia	High School	Secretary	1929-1931	\$140.00	
George H. Evans	801 Pine St, St. Louis	College	Engineer	1930-1932	\$280.00	
Ida M. Foster	910 Maple St, San Francisco	Normal School	Teacher	1931-1933	\$170.00	
Albert J. Gibson	1019 Cedar St, New Orleans	University	Physician	1932-1934	\$450.00	
Beatrice K. Howell	1128 Birch St, Portland	High School	Shop Assistant	1933-1935	\$130.00	
Harold E. Ingram	1237 Walnut St, New York	College	Engineer	1934-1936	\$320.00	
Josephine L. King	1346 Chestnut St, Chicago	Normal School	Teacher	1935-1937	\$190.00	
Clarence F. Lamb	1455 Madison St, Boston	University	Lawyer	1936-1938	\$550.00	
Edith M. Nelson	1564 Elm St, Philadelphia	High School	Secretary	1937-1939	\$150.00	
Frederick H. Owen	1673 Pine St, St. Louis	College	Engineer	1938-1940	\$290.00	
Gertrude K. Parker	1782 Maple St, San Francisco	Normal School	Teacher	1939-1941	\$200.00	
Herbert J. Quinn	1891 Cedar St, New Orleans	University	Physician	1940-1942	\$480.00	
Isabel L. Reed	1900 Birch St, Portland	High School	Shop Assistant	1941-1943	\$140.00	
John F. Russell	2009 Walnut St, New York	College	Engineer	1942-1944	\$330.00	
Leola M. Scott	2118 Chestnut St, Chicago	Normal School	Teacher	1943-1945	\$210.00	
Marion E. Taylor	2227 Madison St, Boston	University	Lawyer	1944-1946	\$580.00	
Nathan H. Vance	2336 Elm St, Philadelphia	High School	Secretary	1945-1947	\$160.00	
Olivia K. Ward	2445 Pine St, St. Louis	College	Engineer	1946-1948	\$300.00	
Philip J. White	2554 Maple St, San Francisco	Normal School	Teacher	1947-1949	\$220.00	
Rebecca L. Young	2663 Cedar St, New Orleans	University	Physician	1948-1950	\$500.00	
Samuel F. Zeller	2772 Birch St, Portland	High School	Shop Assistant	1949-1951	\$150.00	
Theresa M. Adams	2881 Walnut St, New York	College	Engineer	1950-1952	\$340.00	
Ulysses H. Baker	2990 Chestnut St, Chicago	Normal School	Teacher	1951-1953	\$230.00	
Veronica K. Carter	3009 Madison St, Boston	University	Lawyer	1952-1954	\$600.00	
Walter J. Evans	3118 Elm St, Philadelphia	High School	Secretary	1953-1955	\$170.00	
Xenia L. Foster	3227 Pine St, St. Louis	College	Engineer	1954-1956	\$310.00	
Yvonne M. Gibson	3336 Maple St, San Francisco	Normal School	Teacher	1955-1957	\$240.00	
Zachary H. Howell	3445 Cedar St, New Orleans	University	Physician	1956-1958	\$520.00	
Adeline K. Ingram	3554 Birch St, Portland	High School	Shop Assistant	1957-1959	\$160.00	
Bernard J. King	3663 Walnut St, New York	College	Engineer	1958-1960	\$350.00	
Carlotta M. Lamb	3772 Chestnut St, Chicago	Normal School	Teacher	1959-1961	\$250.00	
Dorothy E. Nelson	3881 Madison St, Boston	University	Lawyer	1960-1962	\$620.00	
Edward F. Owen	3990 Elm St, Philadelphia	High School	Secretary	1961-1963	\$180.00	
Florence K. Parker	4009 Pine St, St. Louis	College	Engineer	1962-1964	\$320.00	
Gerald H. Quinn	4118 Maple St, San Francisco	Normal School	Teacher	1963-1965	\$260.00	
Helen M. Reed	4227 Cedar St, New Orleans	University	Physician	1964-1966	\$540.00	
Isaac J. Scott	4336 Birch St, Portland	High School	Shop Assistant	1965-1967	\$170.00	
Julia L. Taylor	4445 Walnut St, New York	College	Engineer	1966-1968	\$360.00	
Kenneth F. Vance	4554 Chestnut St, Chicago	Normal School	Teacher	1967-1969	\$270.00	
Lillian K. Ward						

Total Statistical Summary of Reformed Church in the United States for 1913.

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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, AT ITS
ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen
Hundred and Six. The Sessions commenced on the
evening of the Sixteenth and continued until
the evening of the Twenty-Second of
the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Zion Reformed church of Chambersburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 16th, A. D. 1906, at 7:30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Henry H. Apple, text Mark 1: 22.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President led in prayer, and then declared Synod open for business.

The Stated Clerk having removed and taken a charge in another Synod, the President appointed Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Stated Clerk *pro tem*.

The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk *pro tem*., and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers—Hiram J. Hillegass, Charles E. Myers, Henry H. Apple, E. Bruce Lyttle, Elmer E. Emhoff,^f William A. Korn, Ph.D.^f

Elders—Israel Laucks, Edward A. Rice,^e Alvin Dehoff,^{2c} Albert G. Emig,^f Seth Minnich.⁶

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers—Adam S. Weber, D.D., Fred. Wm. Bald, B.D., Lloyd E. Coblentz, Barton R. Carnahan, Atvill Conner, Conrad Clever, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., James M. Mullan, B.D., John M. Schick, D.D.,^d Engene L. McLean, Calvin S. Slagle.

Elders—Peter S. Lesh, Melvin A. E. Biser,^e John Gassman, Charles L. Cronise,^{2e} George W. Eyerly, Charles A. Goettling, Robert F. Thomas, W. Scott Kefauver.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers—Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., Isaac N. Peigh tel, John O. Reagle,^{2b} Edward S. Lamar, George B. Russell, D.D., LL.D.

Elders—D. W. Faust, Wm. J. Zacharias, Esq., F. E. Grove,² Caspar Wicke.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Thomas K. Cromer,² John M. Souder², Andrew H. Smith, Benjamin K. Hay.

Elders—William A. Pence,² G. F. Eamich,^f E. D. Rauch.²

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers—Charles E. Wehler,² James D. Andrew,² David E. Bowers,^e Walter W. Rowe,² Wm. B. Duttera, Ph.D., Geo. A. Snyder, D.D.⁴

Elder—G. H. Peeler.²

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers—J. Hamilton Smith, Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.,^f Theodore C. Hesson, Jacob N. Faust,^e Marsby J. Roth.^{2f}

Elders—Andrew R. Brodbeck,^{2f} Martin R. Berkheimer,^{2e} George R. Julius.^{4f}

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers—Frank L. Kerr, Harry W. Wissler, Charles A. Waltman,^{3c} Samuel T. Wagner.

Elders—Willis B. Shull,¹ Reuben S. Eby,² Simon Herberling.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers—Albert F. Nace, John D. Hicks,² D. Elmer Master, A. Thomas G. Apple,³ Warren J. Johnson,^e Geo. E. Limbert.

Elders—Calvin M. Dechant,¹ David M. Stoler, John G. Skyles, William E. England.^{3f}

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the session at which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of Synod. The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. J. Stewart Hartman occupied the seat of Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., from Friday morning till the close of Synod; Rev. John W. Pontius occupied the seat of Rev. E. L. McLean during Saturday morning; Rev. Gideon P. Fisher occupied the seat of Rev. J. O. Reagle except during the second session; Rev. A. Theodore Wright occupied the seat of Rev. T. K. Cromer during the opening session; Rev. Benjamin F. Bausman occupied the seat of Rev. J. D. Hicks during the opening session and the seat of Rev. A. T. G. Apple during Wednesday and to Thursday noon

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present to one or more of the sessions, to wit:

Zion's Classis—Rev. Robert L. Bair.

Maryland Classis—Revs. Louis F. Zinkhan, Simon S. Miller, A. Manns Gluck, James B. Stonesifer, Clayton H. Ranck, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., J. T. Rossiter, D.D., and Prof. Jos. H. Apple.

Mercersburg Classis—Revs. Wm. C. Cremer, D.D., Edgar R. Appenzeller, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Preston A. DeLong, Edward O. Keen, Prof. W. M. Irvine, Ph.D., and Elder Hon. Judge W. Rush Gillan.

Virginia Classis—Revs. E. G. Everhart, J. David Miller and Prof. Howard Benchoff.

North Carolina Classis—Rev. J. M. Luther Iyerly.

Gettysburg Classis—Revs. John F. Mackley, J. Marion Mickley, Ellis S. Hay and Elder C. M. Wolff, Esq.

Carlisle Classis—Revs. William H. Groh and Robert J. Pilgram.

Juniata Classis—Revs. Christian Gumbert, Christian W. Summey and Elder I. K. Little.

Eastern Synod—Revs. T. W. Dickert, Prof. Philip Vollmer, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., Wilson F. More, A. C. Whitmer, J. W. Zehring, Cyrus J. Musser, D. D., Prof. G. W. Richards, D.D., D. E. Schoedler, D.D., A. S. Bromer, A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., R. W. Miller, D.D., D. B. Schneder, D.D., Prof. E. M. Hartman and Elders John W. Appel, Esq., and Raub.

Pittsburg Synod—Revs. J. C. Bowman, D.D., D. H. Leader and C. M. Hartzell.

Ministers of Other Churches.

Revs. C. W. Diehl, C. G. White and E. H. Leisenring, of the Lutheran church; Rev. James M. Hoover, missionary of the Methodist church; Bishop J. A. Dixon, D.D., and Rev. Becker, D.D., of the U. B. church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current year:

Rev. Adam S. Weber, D.D., *President*, Baltimore, Md.

Elder W. J. Zacharias, Esq., *Vice-President*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, *Corresponding Secretary*, Littlestown, Pa.

Rev. Albert F. Nace, *Reading Clerk*, Juniata, Pa.

Elder Charles M. Wolff, is *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz. *Stated Clerk*, Baltimore, Md.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as comprising the first eight rows of pews.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The daily session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 5 o'clock, with recess from 11:30 to 2 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7:30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services—Revs. P. A. DeLong, E. Bruce Lyttle, E. L. McLean, Elders W. J. Zacharias, Caspar Wicke.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. L. E. Coblentz, F. W. Bald, W.A. Korn, Elders George F. Eamich, E. A. Rice.

Overtures—Revs. I. N. Peightel, A. H. Smith, J. D. Andrew Elders Willis B. Shull, C. M. Dechant.

Publication—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, W. B. Duttera, G. E. Limbert, Elders M. A. E. Biser, D. W. Faust.

Minutes of Classes—Rev. B. R. Carnahan, T. C. Hesson, A. Conner, Elders W. A. Pence, A. R. Brodbeck.

Examination, Ordination and Licensure—Revs. Geo. B. Russell, Chas. E. Wehler, J. M. Schick, Elders C. A. Goettling, Simon Heberling.

State of Religion and Statistics—Revs. H. H. Apple, H. W. Wissler, Chas. E. Myers, Elders J. T. Skyles, G. W. Eyerly.

Ministerial Necrology—Revs. Conrad Clever, A. T. G. Apple, G. P. Fisher, Elders A. G. Emig, W. Scott Kefauver.

Education—Revs. Elmer E. Emhoff, B. F. Bausman, T. J. Barkley, Elders Israel Laucks, A. E. Bauserman.

Orphans' Homes—Revs. W. J. Johnson, S. T. Wagner, J. M. Souder, Elders R. S. Eby, David M. Stoler.

Missions—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. Hamilton Smith, A. F. Nase, Elders Peter S. Lesh, A. DeHoff.

Sunday-Schools—Revs. D. E. Master, J. M. Mullan, J. D. Hicks, Elders E. A. Rice, Jno. Gassman.

Finance—Revs. Ben. K. Hay, F. L. Kerr, C. S. Slagle, Elders Robt. F. Thomas, E. D. Rauch.

Nominations—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, D. E. Bowers, T. J. Barkley, Elders Jerome Deatrich, J. Nevin Knode.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committees on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of learning the arrears.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College, and catalogues of Massanutten Academy, were pre-

sented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions and the Treasurer of said Board were received, read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received. They were read and then referred to the above committee.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was laid before Synod in printed form, and, after distribution, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-School Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday-School Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read and then referred to a special committee.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which report was received and adopted, namely:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religious services present the following report:

Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p. m.—Altar service by Rev. I. N. Peightel and Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D.; opening sermon, by the retiring President, Rev. H. H. Apple, York, Pa.; address of welcome, W. J. Zacharias, Esq., Chambersburg, Pa.

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p. m.—Home Missions. Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C., presiding; altar service, by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.; addresses—"The cause of Home Missions," Rev. T. M. Yundt, Philadelphia, Pa.; "Home Missions in the South," Rev. Chas. E. Wehler, Newton, N. C.

Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p. m.—Education. Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa., presiding. Altar service,

by Rev. Chas. E. Meyers. Addresses—"Some Thoughts on Education in the Reformed Church," Hon. W. Rush Gillan, Chambersburg, Pa.; "An Educated Ministry," Rev. G. W. Richards, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

Friday, October 19—Synod will go to Mercersburg on special train, leaving Chambersburg at 1:15 p. m.; returning leave Mercersburg at 7:30 p. m. Dedication of Lauck's Hall, unveiling of portrait of Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D., and luncheon at home of President of Academy, Prof. W. Mann Irvine, Ph.D.

Saturday, October 20, 2 p. m.—Preparatory service. Altar service by Rev. T. C. Hesson; sermon by Rev. D. E. Master, Huntingdon, Pa.

3 p. m.—Conference on Mission Work, conducted by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. T. M. Yundt, Philadelphia, Pa. Topics for discussion: (a) "The Missionary Outlook," (b) "The Missionary Institute," (c) "Mission Study Class," (d) "Missionary Festival Days," (e) "Business Men and Missions," (f) "Prayer for Missions."

7:30 p. m.—Sunday-Schools and Deaconess Work. Rev. A. T. G. Apple, Bedford, Pa., presiding. Altar service by Rev. A. F. Nace. Addresses—"Christ the Ideal Teacher," Rev. R. W. Miller, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; "Deaconess Work," Rev. D. E. Schoedler, D.D., Allentown, Pa.

Sunday, October 21, 9:45 a. m.—Sunday-School. Lesson taught by Rev. J. M. Mullan, B.D., Baltimore, Md. Address by Rev. Geo. E. Limbert, Altoona, Pa.

11 a. m.—Holy Communion. Sermon by President of Synod, Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D. Altar services by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., and Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz.

3 p. m.—Conference on Sunday-School Work. Conducted by Rev. R. W. Miller, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. Addresses—"Primary Methods," Mrs. S. Nevin Hensch, Superintendent Primary Department Grace Reformed Sunday School, York, Pa.; "All the Church in the Sunday-School," Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle, York, Pa.; "Missionary Methods in the Sunday-School, or the School as a Missionary Society," Rev. F. W. Bald, B.D., Clear Spring, Md. Discussion opened by Rev. E. O. Keen, Waynesboro, Pa., and Elder A. R. Brodbeck, Hanover, Pa.

6:30 p. m.—Union Young People's Meeting. Addresses: By Rev. T. C. Hesson, York, Pa., and Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, Littlestown, Pa.

7:30 p. m.—Foreign Missions. Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Martinsburg, W. Va., presiding. Altar service by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D. Addresses—"Work Among Women in China," Miss Carrie J. Dreibelbies; "Our Missions," Rev. James I. Good, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

First Lutheran Church—a. m., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.; p. m., Rev. J. M. Mullan, B.D.

Second Lutheran Church—a. m., Rev. A. F. Nace; p. m., Rev. J. D. Hicks.

Trinity Lutheran—a. m., Rev. I. N. Peightel; p. m., Rev. F. L. Kerr.

Falling Spring Presbyterian—p. m., Rev. H. H. Apple.

Central Presbyterian—a. m., Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.; p. m., Rev. C. J. Musser, D.D.

First United Brethren—a. m., Rev. C. E. Wehler; p. m., Rev. J. D. Andrew.

King Street U. B. Church—a. m., Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.; p. m., Rev. E. E. Emhoff.

Methodist Episcopal Church—p. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.

Church of God—a. m., Rev. H. W. Whissler; p. m., Rev. Atvill Conner.

St. John's Reformed—a. m., Rev. James I. Good, D.D.; p. m., Rev. W. W. Rowe.

Mont Alto—a. m., Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D.

Greencastle—a. m., Rev. J. Hamilton Smith.

Hospital—p. m., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D.

A. M. E. Zion Church—p. m., Rev. B. F. Bausman.

St. James A. M. E. Church—a. m., H. J. Hillegass.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. P. A. DELONG,

REV. E. L. MCLEAN, REV. E. BRUCE LYTTLE,
W. J. ZACHARIAS, CASPAR WICKE.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the sessions of Thursday and Saturday, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting were referred

for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of Synod. Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., is chairman.

Item 2, page 49. Synod approves the proposition of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to erect two professors' houses, and appoints Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., as its representative in the work—resolutions V and VI.

Item 3, pages 49 and 51. Synod requests co-operation on the part of pastors and people in raising its share of the \$150,000 additional endowment for F. and M. College. Resolutions III. and IV, relating to the college and committees, bottom page 51.

Item 4, page 50. Permission given the Board of Directors of Woman's College, Frederick, Md., to so change its charter as to increase its number by two members, to be chosen by the five members elected by Synod.

Item 5, page 51. (a) The several Classes urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College, and pastors to give all possible assistance towards increasing the endowment of the College.

(b) Synod requests and urges North Carolina Classis to have the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College make complete statement of funds contributed by this Synod for endowment, as well as their investment.

Item 6, pages 56 and 57. Apportionment and additional endowment for the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., appointed in territory of Potomac Synod in the matter of raising these funds.

Item 7, page 58. Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay certain house rent for one of the theological professors.

Item 8, page 59. Vacancies on Synod's Boards.

Page 59. Board of Education—three members for three years.

Page 59. Board of Regents of Mercersburg College—three members for three years; one member for two years.

Page 59. Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary—two members for four years.

Page 59. Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary—two members for six years.

Page 59. Directors of Woman's College—one member for five years.

Page 77. Bi-synodic Board of Home Missions—two members for four years, one for three years.

Page 85. Board of Trustees of Synod—one member for five years and Treasurer of Synod.

Page 88. Sunday-School Board—one member for five years.

Page 93. Publication Board—one member for four years.

Page 100. Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home—two members for three years, one for three years, one for two years.

Board of Trustees of Catawba College—six vacancies to be filled.

Item 9, page 75. Home Missions—certain resolutions, 4, 5, 6 a, b, c and d.

Item 10, page 76. Church Building Fund—resolution 11.

Item 11, pages 76 and 82, resolution 12—Apportionments for Home and Foreign Missions, Hungarian Harbor and Bohemian Missions and Church Building Fund, Contingent Fund, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary and Catawba College.

Item 12, page 81. Form of Treasurer's report—Classical. Treasurers urged to pay over moneys promptly.

Page 82. Arrearages, etc.

Item 13, page 85. Request to North Carolina Classis relative to Endowment Fund.

Item 14, page 88. Relative to resolutions regarding Sunday-School work.

Item 15, page 92. Hon. W. Rush Gillan appointed to enter a proposed corporation for a Reformed Church Building on certain conditions.

Item 16, page 93. Stated Clerk directed to publish 3,000 copies of Minutes of Synod.

Item 17, page 98. Relative to the Relief Society.

Item 18, page 99. Deaconess Home.

Item 19, page 101. Committee appointed relative to generous offer of one Elder Hoffman—Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ,

FRED'K W. BALD,

W. A. KORN,

W. F. EAMICH,

E. A. RICE.

For the action of Synod on items 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 4 and 6, see Article XIII, Education; on items 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17, see Article X—Minutes of Classes for their action on the several items; item 8, was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations—on item 16, see Article XX, Publication; on items 12, 15, 18, 19, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: To the undersigned Committee on Overtures were referred the following items:

Item 1. A communication from the Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania.

Item 2. An invitation, through their pastor, Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., from Grace Reformed church, Washington, D. C., to this Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

Item 3. A similar invitation from Trinity Reformed church, York, Pa., through their pastor, Rev. H. H. Apple, to this Synod to hold the next annual meeting in their church.

Item 4. A communication from the Secretary of the Ministerial Relief Society of General Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

I. N. PEIGHTEL.

A. H. SMITH.

J. D. ANDREW.

M. DECHANT.

WILLIS B. SHULL.

Item 1 was referred to a special committee, Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle, chairman; item 4 was referred to a special committee, on Ministerial Relief, Rev. I. N. Peightel, chairman, for action see Article XXI. Miscellaneous: items 2 and 3, invitations from Grace Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C., and Trinity Reformed church, York, Pa., were acted upon by calling the roll of Synod. The vote resulted in the choice of Grace Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C., and Synod accepted their invitation for its next annual meeting to be held, beginning on Tuesday evening, October 15, 1907, at 8 o'clock.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following:

I.—Irregularities.

Item 1—(a) Stated Clerks are requested, according to a standing rule, to send an abstract of their minutes relative to matters requiring the attention of Synod. Maryland and Gettysburg Classes failed to comply with this requirement, and some of the others were very incomplete.

(b) Zion's Classis in annual session adjourned finally, leaving such business for a *special* meeting that should have been transacted in an *adjourned* meeting of Classis.

II.—Matters Referred by Synod.

(a) Zion's Classis took favorable action on all references by Synod and accepted all apportionments, except the \$440 for Church Building—not being able to see its way clear to accept the amount—and also the \$95 apportioned for Catawba College. But the arrearage of \$72.15 for Catawba College was accepted and apportioned on the several charges.

(b) Maryland Classis took favorable action on all matters referred, and accepted all apportionments, except the \$785 for Church Building, from assuming of which she respectfully asks to be excused, because of the extensive church building work she is carrying on; and also did not assume the arrearage of Theological Seminary for 1904, the amount for 1904 being \$77.86.

(c) Mercersburg Classis also took favorable action on all recommendations of Synod and accepted all apportionments, except \$310 on the Church Building Fund, and made provision for the payment of indebtedness to the Washington, D. C., Memorial church—half to be paid this year and the other half next year.

(d) Virginia Classis took favorable action on all recommendations of Synod, and accepted all apportionments, except the \$200 for Church Building Fund and \$25 for Catawba College; disclaims any arrearage to this College, having "paid her just obligation;" and also that arrearages on the Theological Seminary and Science Building have been fully met, as has been the apportionment for Memorial church, in Washington, D. C.

(e) North Carolina Classis took favorable action on all recommendations of Synod, and accepted all apportionments, except those for Bohemian, Hungarian and Harbor Missions, which were commended to the favorable consideration of the pastors and people.

The apportionment for Church Building and Beneficiary Education were not accepted, and requests Synod to excuse from paying arrearages for Theological Seminary (\$388.45) and Science Building (\$80.00). In response to the urgent request of Synod, the trustees of Catawba College were re-

quested by Classes to make a full statement to Synod concerning the investment of funds contributed by Potomac Synod.

(f) Gettysburg Classis took favorable action on all references and accepted all apportionments and arrearages all paid.

(g) Carlisle Classis took favorable action on all references and accepted all apportionments.

(h) Juniata Classis took favorable action on all references and accepted all apportionments except the Church Building Fund, \$510, because of work within the bounds of Classis.

Item 2. (a) Carlisle Classis reports the death of Rev. Miles O. Noll, that occurred November 27, A. D. 1905.

(b) Virginia Classis overtures the Synod of the Potomac for such cordial recognition of the Massanutten Academy as in its judgment the school may deserve.

Item 3. All the Classes voted favorably on the new Constitution.

III.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

ZION'S CLASSIS.

Received Rev. Jos. W. Bell, from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Chas. H. Brandt, from Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Benj. B. Royer, from Illinois Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Licentiate Irwin S. Ditzler, from Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry on June 9, A. D. 1906.

Dismissed the Licentiate Wilbur J. Kohler, to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Arthur C. Ohl, to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Francis C. Yost, D.D., to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Licensed E. A. G. Herman, Guy P. Bready and J. A. Eyler.

Ordained Guy P. Bready to the Gospel ministry June 17, A. D. 1906.

Received Rev. S. C. Hoover, from Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior; Rev. M. W. Schweitzer, from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. M. L. Firor, from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. C. M. Smith, from Mercersburg Classis, Potomac Synod; Rev. M. H. Sangree, from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Dismissed Rev. J. B. Kaloria, to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Lic. E. A. G. Herman, to Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior; Rev. S. M. Roeder, to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. E. R. Deatrich, to Westmoreland Classis, Synod of Pittsburg; Rev. Jas. R. Lewis, to Virginia Classis,

Synod of the Potomac; Rev. Geo. A. Whitmore, to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. Chas. A. Bushong, to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Licensed Chalmer W. Walck and dismissed him to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod.

Received Rev. Adam C. Whitmer, D.D., from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

Dismissed Rev. C. P. Kehl, to Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg; Rev. C. M. Smith, to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Received Rev. Jas. R. Lewis, from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. J. David Miller, from Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Dismissed Rev. A. Shulenberger, to North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. J. E. Guy, to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod.

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Licensed Wm. S. Clapp, A. Samuel Peeler and Milton Whitner.

Received Rev. A. Shulenberger, from Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac, and Rev. Lucian W. Showers, from Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

Dismissed Rev. Frederick Cromer, to Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, and Lic. A. Samuel Peeler, to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

Erased the name of Rev. Clarence Clapp from the Ministerial Roll.

Received Rev. J. Silor Garrison, from Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Licensed Irwin S. Ditzler and dismissed him to Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

Received Rev. Robert J. Pilgram, from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

Dismissed Lic. Vernon S. Rice, to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Received Lic. E. C. Musselman, from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry, April 17, A. D. 1906.

Received Rev. Arthur C. Ohl, from Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac; Rev. J. Wm. Zehring, from Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburg; Rev. F. E. Lauffer, Ph.D., from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, and Rev. William Kelly, M.D., from Lebanon Presbytery, Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Dismissed Rev. J. David Miller, to Virginia Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

IV.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting of Classes.

1. Zion's Classis will meet in the Trinity Reformed church, Glen Rock, York county, Pa., on Monday, May 21st, A. D. 1907, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. Kern McKee, President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Maryland Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed church, Westminster, Md., Wednesday, May 22d, A. D. 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. Frederick W. Bald, B.D., President; Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, Stated Clerk; Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, Treasurer.

Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed church, Middleburg, Franklin county, Pa., on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1907, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. John O. Reagle, President; Rev. W. C. Cremer, Stated Clerk; Rev. P. A. DeLong, Treasurer.

Virginia Classis will meet in Centenary Reformed Church, Winchester, Va., May 22d, A. D. 1907, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. M. A. Kieffer, President; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

North Carolina Classis will meet in Burlington Reformed church, Burlington, N. C., Wednesday, May 8th, A. D., 1907 at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. C. B. Heller, President; Rev. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk; Rev. W. H. McNairy, Treasurer.

Gettysburg Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed church, West Manheim charge, Friday after Whitsunday, A. D. 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. H. Smith, President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Carlisle Classis will meet in St. Peter's Reformed church, Landisburg charge, May 15th, A. D. 1907, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. C. A. Waltman, President; Rev. Wm. H. Groh, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Juniata Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed church, Bedford, Pa., Thursday, May 16th, A. D. 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. John D. Hicks, President; Rev. A. T. G. Apple, Stated Clerk; Rev. Howard Obold, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

B. R. CARNAHAN.

T. C. HESSON,

ATVILL CONNER,

WM. A. PENCE.

A. R. BRODBECK.

Item 1, a, the attention of the Stated Clerks of Maryland and Gettysburg Classes was called to the irregularity, and the Stated Clerks of all the Classes were instructed to be more careful; item 1, b, adopted and the attention of Zion's Classis called to it; item 1, in matters referred to Synod, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, were adopted; item 2, a and b, adopted; the remaining items were adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Reverend Brethren of the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination respectfully reports that no candidates having been referred to us, the committee had no work to do.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL,
CHARLES E. WEHLER, J. M. SCHICK,
SIMON HEBERLING, C. A. GOETTLING.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on the State of Religion and Statistics, begs leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully read and studied the reports of the several Classes of Synod placed in our hands. We find them to be exceedingly encouraging. They evince a deep spirit of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the guidance and power of His Spirit and the abundant blessings bestowed upon His people. The work of the Master has been carried forward with commendable zeal. Faithfulness and regularity has characterized the usual work of the ministry and Church in the preaching of the Word, the administration of the sacraments and the instruction of the youth.

At the same time, there are evidences of unusual activity in various directions. Especially worthy of notice is the splendid increase in the contributions for benevolence.

but two of the Classes have exceeded the amount given last year. The splendid total of \$84,234 is a gain over the previous report of \$23,630. It is a sure indication that the various Boards and institutions of the Church are receiving careful attention and given praise-worthy support. There is entire confidence in those who have charge of such interests and an increasing desire to labor with them in their difficult and arduous service. If this is the pulse, surely the Church within our bounds is in a healthy and vigorous condition. We may believe the systematic efforts on the part of these stewards, as well as the ministry, to better inform our people in reference to the history and in regard to the present activities of the Church is causing them to take a deeper interest in her missionary, educational and other benevolent operations and leading them to give more liberal and hearty support. There is a deepening consciousness that to meet the ever-expanding work of the cause of Christ in its various departments there must be constant and large increase in the benevolence of the Church. With few exceptions, there is earnestness shown in the purpose to meet all the apportionments as a minimum sum and to do work over and above them.

None the less significant is the increase in the contributions for congregational needs. The erection of new buildings, the renovation and improvement of churches and parsonages and, in some cases, the increasing of pastors' salaries, show a deep devotion and love. The gain in this direction is \$44,869. The best of material possessions is being given to the Lord. In looking upon it as a privilege rather than a duty, we are realizing that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

But one condition found in all these reports is cause for deep regret and emphasizes the universal call for young men to enter upon the work of the Gospel ministry. There are many charges without the services of a regular pastor and no minister available without making a vacancy elsewhere. In addition to that, many other charges are ripe for and seeking division while numerous opportunities are afforded for the commencement of new work. The lack of ministers to supply vacant charges and to extend the bounds of the church into new fields is seriously felt. The greatest need of the Church to-day is that talented and consecrated young men may be led to enter upon this greatest calling of all life, and take up the duties and privileges of the ministry. Our efforts, example and influence should be given that there may be speedy answer to our earnest prayers that the Lord of the harvest send more laborers into the harvest.

During the year, death has entered many homes of the church and carried away his chosen ones, leaving sadness

and sorrow in his path. He sought a shining ark in the Rev. Miles O. Noll, who was stricken in the midst of great usefulness. His short but eminently successful ministry has left us an example of devotion and faithfulness to the cause of the Gospel and the Church and an inspiration to increased earnestness and zeal in our chosen calling. Of equal loss to us is the death of Elder Jacob H. Schriver, who filled with great credit and fidelity many positions of honor and trust in this Synod. They rest from their labors, but truly their works do follow them.

In thankfulness for the progress and accomplishments of the past, realizing the conditions of the present are more favorable for aggressive work than ever before, we look hopefully into the future. With renewed courage and in strong confidence, trust and faith, we pray God for sustaining grace, that we may carry forward the work of His kingdom in the name of His dear Son, our Lord, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
 HENRY H. APPLE,
 HARRY W. WISSLER, JOHN G. SKYLES,
 CHAS. EDWARD MEYERS, GEO. W. EYERLY.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Wednesday the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary was received, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education; on motion, the original documents of correspondence between the Theological Seminary and the Ursinus School of Theology, together with the action of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, were read and ordered published in these minutes; also the reports of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary; of the President of Franklin and Marshall College; of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College; of the Board of Trustees of Woman's College, Frederick, Md.; of the Trustees of Catawba College, and of the Board of Education were received, read and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education.

The several reports are as follows:

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The Board of Visitors met in annual session

May 8-10, 1906, and reorganized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President, and the undersigned, Secretary. A special meeting was held July 31, 1906. The matters which claimed the attention of the Board at both meetings are presented in this report.

1. The Seminary year began September 14, 1905, and closed May 10, 1906, during which time the work of the institution was carried on without interruption. Twelve students were admitted to the Junior class. Of this number, three were special students, one of whom, on account of the failure of his eyes, was compelled to drop the study of Hebrew. One member of this class was not advanced. Another, viz., John J. Marcks, was ordered home by his physician, by reason of impaired health. The class thus reduced was advanced to the Middle class, and is as follows:

Rev. John Waggoner Ault,
John Edward Boomershine,
Theodore Clarence Brown,
Oscar Strickler Frantz,
Norman Louis Horn,

Charles Andrew Huyett,
Rev. John Warren Klein,
John Calvin Sanders,
Henry Irvin Stahr,
John Baer Stoudt.

—Total, 10.

2. The Middle class consisted of the members of the former Junior class, except that Clarence J. McHose found it impossible, in addition to other work in which he was engaged, to continue his course, and consequently dropped out of his class. The Middlers were advanced. Total, 9.

3. At the opening of the Seminary year, the Senior class numbered twenty. Two members of this class, viz., L. Nevin Wilson and Morris G. Schucher, were permitted to continue their studies *in absentia*, while engaged in teaching. It is their purpose to complete their course in 1907. John F. Buchheit is absent, by permission, to serve as agent for Franklin and Marshall College. William D. Marburger passed his examination with the class of 1905, but having been absent that year, while engaged in teaching, by the rule of the institution, he became a member of the class of 1906. The usual testimonial was granted to the Seniors, viz:

Guy P. Bready,
J. Frank Bucher,
William M. Diefenderfer,
George K. Ely,
J. Albert Eyler,
John F. Frantz,
Roy J. Freeman,
Edward A. G. Hermann,
L. Valmore Hetrick.

David B. Kline,
Elmer G. Leinbach,
William D. Marburger,
J. Arthur Schaeffer,
J. Monroe Shellenberger,
Elam J. Snyder,
Chalmers W. Walck,
Milton Whitener.

—Total, 17.

4. The students made a good record for industry in study,

exemplary Christian conduct and activity in mission and other Church work. No case of discipline occurred during the year.

5. Three students were admitted to the Junior year of the post-graduate course, viz: Rev. William U. Brong, Rev. William F. DeLong and Rev. U. Jerome Leinbach.

6. In accordance with the action of the Synods of 1905, the faculty has been enlarged by the addition of Revs. John I. Swander, D.D., and Dr. Irwin Hoch DeLong. The former delivered a course of seven lectures during the year, and the latter entered upon his duties, as Instructor in Old Testament Science, January 8, 1906. These professors were formally inducted May 10, 1906, at a service at which the President of the Board presided. By the enlargement of the faculty, a more extensive field of study was made possible, and the curriculum has been revised and improved. The Seminary is now well equipped and the Synods are to be congratulated on the faithfulness and devotion to their work of the men to whom has been intrusted the responsible duty of training young men for the ministry.

7. The services of Rev. John M. Chambers, Professor of Oratory, continue to be satisfactory. Arrangements have, therefore, been made to retain him in his present position. For this purpose we respectfully ask an appropriation of \$750.00, to be divided as follows: Eastern Synod, \$375.00; Pittsburg Synod, \$125.00; Synod of the Potomac, \$250.00.

8. Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., has continued in his successful work of canvassing for the endowment of the Seminary. In addition to his labors in the above field, he delivered a course of lectures on Pastoral Theology. The other professors assisted him in his department, in order to enable him to canvass for funds.

9. The attention of the Synods is again called to the small number of students for the ministry. The faculty prepared a circular for Seminary Day, which was sent to all the members of the three Synods, and in which attention is called to the above-named condition. It is hoped that by the observance of this day, and the consequent appeals from the pulpits, young men will be aroused to a sense of duty and the glory of sacrifice in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

10. The term of the following members of the Board expires with this year:

Eastern Synod—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., Rev. B. B. Ferer, D.D.

Synod of the Potomac—Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D.

11. On July 5, 1906, at the request of the members of the faculty of the Ursinus School of Theology, Doctors Gast, Richards and Schaeffer met in conference with Doctors Good, Bromer, Hinke and Vollmer, at Philadelphia, Pa., to consider the feasibility of uniting the Ursinus School of Theology with the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. Certain resolutions were adopted at this conference and signed by all the members. The said resolutions were laid before the faculty of the Seminary, with a view to request a special meeting of the Board of Visitors to consider them. Before this could be done, the faculty received notice that the Board of Directors of Ursinus College had disapproved the original resolutions and amended them. Notwithstanding this, the faculty issued its request for a meeting of the Board of Visitors, which request was favorably received, and the Board met in special session July 31st. The original resolutions were laid before the Board, as suggestive of action that might be taken to secure the end in view, viz: the union of the two theological schools. The action taken by the Board was favorable to union, was unanimous and was at once transmitted to those representing the Ursinus School of Theology. For the information of the Church, the original resolutions and the action of the Board were published in the Church papers. We have since received notice that the Board of Directors of Ursinus College declines to accept the action of this Board, and, therefore, there is nothing to report relative to the matter, save the above recital of facts.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 1, 1906.

Action of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary met in special session in Lancaster, July 31st, at 2 o'clock p. m. The members present were: Schaeffer (N. C.), Kremer Creitz, Happel, Eastern Synod; Lady, Pittsburg Synod; Kieffer, Barkley, Eschbach and Santee (J. W.), Synod of the Potomac. Professors Richards, Bowman, Schaeffer and Noss were present, and were frequently consulted. The action of the board was deemed of such importance that, in an informal way, its secretary was instructed to give it to the public through the church papers, and over his signature, before giving it to the secular press. That this action may be clearly understood, a short preliminary statement seems demanded.

On July 5th, 1906, Professors Good, Bromer, Vollmer and

Hinke, of the Ursinus School of Theology, and Professors Gast, Richards and Schaeffer, of the Theological Seminary, met at the Windsor hotel, Philadelphia, to consult as to the feasibility of uniting the Ursinus School of Theology and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. As the result of this conference, we have the "Original Resolutions," herewith published. This paper was signed, in their individual capacity, by all the professors in consultation, viz.: Good, Bromer, Vollmer and Hinke, of Ursinus, and Gast, Richards, and Schaeffer, of Lancaster. The Ursinus professors laid the "Original Resolutions" before the Board of Directors of Ursinus College, and the Lancaster professors laid them before the faculty with a view to call a meeting of the Board of Visitors.

The action of the Board of Directors has been given to the public. In a general way, we may say that the Board of Directors amended the "Original Resolutions"; subsequently they were reconsidered; and finally, in an amended form, were sent to the alumni and other friends of the Ursinus School of Theology for an expression of opinion relative to them. The result of this last action has not yet been announced.

The faculty at Lancaster requested a meeting of the Board of Visitors, and in their letter unanimously expressed "the hope that such action may be taken as shall subserve the best interests of our Seminary and at the same time contribute to the peace and prosperity of our denomination." This letter and the "Original Resolutions" were laid before the Board at its meeting on July 31st. They were carefully considered in the light of the information furnished by the members of the faculty. With this short preliminary statement, we now give the "Original Resolutions" and the action of the Board. It is not in place here to comment upon them. The papers speak for themselves. We may be permitted, however, to call attention to the fact that the action of the Board of Visitors was unanimous.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.

"To the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, Pa.:

"We the undersigned members of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States and of the Ursinus School of Theology at Philadelphia, Pa., submit for your consideration and action the following preamble and resolutions:

“Whereas The present tendencies of the Protestant Churches throughout the world are towards closer fellowship and co-operation;

“Whereas, The same tendencies are manifest within the great historic denominations, healing their divisions and aiding in the realization of the great ideals of the kingdom of God in the world;

“Whereas, There have been manifest evidences, both among the laity and ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, favoring a closer affiliation of the different elements of the Church in the interest of theological education in order to increase our efficiency for missionary and benevolent work at home and abroad;

“Whereas, We acknowledge the historic origin and work of the Ursinus School of Theology in its capacity of a separate institution, and now believe that its legitimate purpose under modern conditions can, in the future, best be fulfilled by organic union with the Theological Seminary at Lancaster; therefore, be it,

“Resolved, 1. That the said institutions be united in such a manner that the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster be so constituted as to represent in its faculty the several tendencies of the Reformed Church in the East and that the tendencies known as the Ursinus movement be represented at least by two regular chairs, either now in existence or to be created; and during the present transitional period by a special lectureship:

“2. That the movement for larger endowment at present under way in the Theological Seminary be cordially supported by every element in the Church so as to make adequate provision for two new professors, and that in the meantime all the elements in the three Synods be urged to co-operate in meeting the additional expense by apportionment.

“3. That Ursinus College, in its academic and collegiate departments, be maintained in harmony with its constitution and charter, and be recognized by the Reformed Church in such a way as shall best conserve the interests in accordance with the spirit of its act of incorporation and constitution' either in its present status or in relation to the Synods, as the Board of Directors of Ursinus College may determine.

“4. That Ursinus College, if it become organically connected with the Synods, be encouraged and supported as the co-educational school of the Church in the East.

“5. That every effort be made to eliminate as far as possible all partisan spirit and methods in the operation of the

Church in Synods, Classes and local churches, and that ministers, alumni of the said Seminary, in conjunction with all those of other seminaries, shall freely and equally enjoy the privileges of the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States.

“6. That when this union is consummated the students in attendance at the Ursinus School of Theology be urged to enter the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, with the understanding that they shall be admitted to the same standing which they now hold in the Ursinus School of Theology.

“7. That, if these resolutions meet the approval of the Board of Directors of Ursinus College and the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, Pa., the said Board of Visitors be urged to present the whole matter to the three English Eastern Synods, so that final action may be taken before the opening of the fall term of the Seminary.”

Action of the Board on Union of Seminaries.

“To the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.:

“BRETHREN: Your letter and the accompanying papers have received our careful consideration. In reply thereto, we would say:

“1. We reciprocate the sentiments you have expressed with regard to Church union. We rejoice in the evidence that there is a growing demand for a closer affiliation of all the ministers of our beloved Church, and we welcome any movement that will strengthen, with greater mutual confidence and regard, the ties that unite us. We are of the same opinion as yourselves and your correspondents, that there is no good reason for two schools of theology in this section of the Church. Everything indicates that the time has come when differences of the past should be obliterated outwardly, even as they have largely been obliterated in the hearts of the brethren.

“2. Under other circumstances, we should be glad to accede to the proposal to consummate the union of the Ursinus School of Theology and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster by adding to the faculty of the Theological Seminary, as it now exists, two regular professorships, to be held by two of the members of the present faculty of the Ursinus School of Theology. We are at present, however, engaged in completing the endowment of the Seminary, so as to properly support the chairs now in existence, and the carrying out of

the plan suggested would involve an expense which, in our judgment, the Synods, in these circumstances, are not in a condition to assume. Notwithstanding this, we do, however, recommend to the three Synods that at their next annual meetings there shall be added to our Seminary Faculty one professor, by the election of a representative of the Ursinus School of Theology.

“3. We accept the suggestion that during the present transitional period a special lectureship be established.

“4. Should this union be consummated, the students of the Ursinus School of Theology who apply for admission to the Seminary shall be admitted to the same standing which they now hold in the Ursinus School of Theology.

“5. The relation of the Board being exclusively with the Theological Seminary, it does not find itself competent to deal with matters relating to the collegiate department of Ursinus College.

“6. In the judgment of this Board, it is not feasible, on account of the shortness of the time, to hold special meetings of the three Synods, for the purpose of acting on this matter; but, in case the course of action proposed by this Board meets with approval, its secretary is directed to lay it before the three Synods, at their next annual meeting.

“Yours in the bonds of Christian fellowship, the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, by its President,

“E. R. ESCHBACH.

The above is a true copy of the action of the Board of Visitors. The said action not having been accepted by the authorities of the Ursinus School of Theology, its recommendations are not made by the Board of Visitors.

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 9, 1906.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year, the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held May 9, 1906, when the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Hon. Jeremiah S. Hess.

At the request of the faculty, Dr. Bowman was continued in the field, as representative of the Endowment Committee, the other professors to divide the Seminary work.

The second meeting was held October 8, 1906. The Building Committee reported that they had erected a double brick house for two of the professors, of suitable size and good materials, on the lots bought of Rev. Theodore Appel, at the corner of James and Pine streets, agreeably to instructions, for \$12,797.88.

The attention of the Synods is especially called to the report of the Treasurer, which shows how inadequate the endowment of the Seminary has been to meet the necessary expenses of the Seminary. Three members of the Board, viz: John W. Appel, Esq., William R. Barnhart and Jeremiah S. Hess were appointed to appear before the respective Synods and explain, if necessary, the report of the Treasurer.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$6,000 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary, and in part payment of the deficit, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod	\$3,000 00
Potomac Synod	2,000 00
Pittsburg Synod	1,000 00

The terms of Eugene Santee, M.D., John D. Skiles and Jacob H. Stein, of the Eastern Synod, expire 1906.

The terms of J. B. Shullenberger and Charles M. Wolff, Esq., of the Potomac Synod, expire 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in Account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Dr.

For sundry interests and incomes received from October 1 1905, to October 1, 1906	\$9,438 03	03
Oct. 1. Amount of balance due Endowment Fund.....	9,221 96	96
	<u>\$18,659 99</u>	99

Cr.

By salary accounts and sundry bills paid per vouchers, from October 1, 1905, to October 1, 1906.....	\$18,659 99	99
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LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1906.		
Oct. 1 Amount of Fund, principal, is.....	\$2,293 36	36

Dr.

For int. on fund to Oct. 1, 1906..... \$97 30

Cr.

By balance due Treasurer.....	\$5 27	
By sundry bills paid for books bought by Seminary Faculty to Oct. 1, 1906	79 40	
	<hr/>	84 67
Balance due Fund.....		\$12 63

SMALTZ FUND FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Amount of Fund is.....	\$5,000 00
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Dr.

For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1906.. \$250 00

Cr.

By int. paid John Hertzler, Treas., in full, to Oct. 1, 1906.....	250 00
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WILLIAM A. WILT FUND FOR ENDOWMENT.

Amount of Fund is.....	\$833 33
And interest paid to Oct. 1, 1906, and accounted for in Treasurer's current expense account of Seminary.....	\$41 63

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

Amount of Fund is.....	\$2,000 75
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Dr.

For interest on same to date.....	\$100 00
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Cr.

By balance due Seminary Treasurer..	\$3 49
By annual prize paid	100 00

\$103 49

Amount Dr. brought down.....	100 00
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Due Seminary Treasurer.....	\$3 49
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SEMINARY CLASS '92 PRIZE FUND.

Amount of Fund is.....	\$490 33
Check from Dr. W. M. Irvine.....	23 78

\$514 11

Dr.

For interest to May 8, 1906.....	\$24 50
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Cr.

By annual prize paid per award of Com.	20 00
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Balance due Fund.....	\$4 50
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JACOB L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$15,680	00
	Interest on this Fund is accounted for in the Treasurer's current expense account to Oct. 1, 1906.		

JACOB FORNEY SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,000	00
	Dr.		

1905.			
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$65	77
1906.			
Oct. 1.	For interest to date.....	45	00
		<u>\$110</u>	77

Cr.

By sundry bills paid for books bought for Alcove by Seminary Faculty, to Oct. 1, 1906 (see vouchers).....

59 82

Balance due Fund, Oct. 1, 1906.....

\$50 95

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,000	00
	Dr.		

1905.			
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$113	57
1906.			
Sept. 17.	For interest to Oct. 1, 1906.....	45	00
		<u>\$158</u>	57

Cr.

By sundry bills paid for books bought by Seminary Faculty for Alcove, to Oct. 1, 1906 (see vouchers).....

68 95

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund.....	\$89	62

HENRY WIRT ALCOVE FUND.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,000	00

1905.			
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$99	49
1906.			
Oct. 1.	For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1906..	45	00
		<u>\$144</u>	49

Cr.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	By sundry bills paid for books bought by Seminary Faculty for Alcove, to Oct. 1, 1906	87	40

Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund.....	\$57	09
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JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$4,000	00

DR.

1905.	
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund..... \$251 95
	For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1906.. 180 00
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	\$431 95

1906.

CR.

Oct. 1.	By sundry bills paid for books bought by Seminary Faculty, to Oct. 1, 1906 (see vouchers)	310 58
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	Balance due Fund.....	\$121 37

SEMINARY CLASS '94 ALCOVE FUND.

1894.		
July 1.	Amount of notes placed in hands of Treasurer of Seminary for collection	\$981 00

1906.

Oct. 1.	Notes paid to date, cash.....	\$608 00	
1.	Notes unpaid to date.....	373 00	
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	Amount of cash brought down	\$608 00	
	Amount of interest to Oct. 1, 1906, in hands of Seminary Treasurer is....	159 15	
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			981 00

1906.

Oct. 1.	Amount of cash in hands of Treasurer.	\$767 15
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JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

1906.		
May 7.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$2,000 00

1906.

DR.

May 2.	For interest on same to April 1, 1906	\$100 00
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1906.

CR.

May 7.	By amt. prize paid per award of Com.	100 00
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SEMINARY AID FUND.

DR.

For amount received from—

1905.		
Oct. 10.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	\$200 00
16.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	6 41
17.	S. M. Gingerich, Treasurer of Eastern Synod....	98 45
Nov. 21.	S. M. Gingerich, Treasurer of Eastern Synod....	167 00
Dec. 28.	S. M. Gingerich, Treasurer of Eastern Synod....	71 36
1906.		
Jan. 29.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod ..	18 00
30.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	278 00
Feb. 16.	Dr. A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.	200 00
20.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	80 50
Mar. 7.	Zion's Classis of Potomac Synod.....	37 90
14.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	19 00
May 9.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	531 29
15.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	348 00
June 2.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	376 16
7.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	254 20
27.	Dr. A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.	200 00
Aug. 1.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	150 80
4.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	40 00
Aug. 28.	Dr. A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.	200 00

Sept. 14.	W. M. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod...	47 00
14.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	846 59
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		\$4,170 86

CR.

By interest paid on Endowment Funds, as follows:

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Interest due Seminary Fund, Oct. 1, 1905.....	\$8,933 95	
	James Street lot	763 00	
	Evans lot.....	775 00	
	Janitor's house	1,391 30	
	Appel lot	5,750 00	
	Moore and Harnish	3,500 00	
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		\$21,113 25	
	Endowment Fund used.....	8,836 48	
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		\$29,949 73	
	Interest paid on same by Seminary Aid Fund is	\$1,276 57	
	Amount Dr. brought down.....	\$4,170 86	
	Less interest	1,276.57	

Sept. 29.	Balance charges to Treasurer as income.....	\$2,894 29
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PITTSBURGH SYNOD ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of Fund is.....	\$30,500 00
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Dr.

Interest on same to Oct. 1, 1906.....	\$1,561 25
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1906.		
Oct. 1.	By amount paid John C. Bowman, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod Prof., per vouchers	1,561 25

STATEMENT OF ALL FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.

1906.			
Oct. 1.	Endowment Fund of October 1, 1905.....	\$96,433 83	96,433 83
Mar. 1.	Miss Ellen Hefright bequest.....	482 72	482 72
Sept. 14.	Wilhelm Estate, J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer..	613 99	613 99
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		\$97,530 54	97,530 54
	J. Riegel Fund, Special.....	15,680 00	15,680 00
	W. A. Wilt Fund, Special.....	833 33	833 33
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		\$114,043 87	114,043 87
1906.			
Oct. 1.	New Endowment 1905, paid in by John C. Bowman, D.D., Treas. of Com. on same.....	6,378 50	6,378 50
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	Total	\$120,422 37	120,422 37
	Library Fund	2,293 36	2,293 36
	Smaltz Fund	5,000 00	5,000 00
	Class '92 Prize Fund	514 11	514 11
	Schaff Prize Fund	2,000 75	2,000 75
	Forney Alcove Fund	1,000 00	1,000 00
	Wirt Alcove Fund	1,000 00	1,000 00
	Schrivver Alcove Fund.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
	Seminary Class '94 Alcove Fund	981 00	981 00
	J. Y. Dietz Library Fund	4,000 00	4,000 00

J. Y. Dietz Prize Fund.....	2,000 00
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	\$140,211 50
Pittsburg Professorship Fund is	30,500 00
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	\$170,711 50

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. RORN,

Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

October 1, 1906.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Theological Seminary, as presented by the Treasurer, respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN HERTLER.

Lancaster, Pa., October 5, 1906.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

At the late commencement the following degrees were conferred:

The degree of A.B. upon the following members of the Senior class:

John Samuel Adam,
Darius Weller Berky,
John Bernard Bissinger,
Lawrence Schaeffer Bitner,
William Franklin Ginder,
Henry Albert Hartman,
Roy Vincent Hartman,
Frank Shelby Henneberger,
William Franklin Kosman,
Horace Roberson Lequear,
George Missel,

Pecival Harding Nicholas,
Joseph Solon Peters,
Abraham Ranck,
Henry Aaron Reninger,
William Henry Rupp,
Daniel Clifton Schnebley,
Joseph Leasure Kline Snyder,
Lloyd Harold Snyder,
Grover Faust Wareheim,
Samuel Higbee Whitmore,
Edmund Culberston Wingard.

The degree of Ph.D. upon the following:

Ray Harbaugh Dotterer,
John Paul Frantz,
Ralph Cooper Gardner,

Harvey Miller Heefner,
John Elmer Helman,
Harry Franklin Rieser,

John William Sheetz.

The degree of Ph.D. upon the Rev. W. F. Shero, after the completion of the prescribed course of study and meeting all the requirements of the college in such cases provided.

The honorary degree of Sci.D. was conferred upon Prof. W. W. Landis, of Dickinson College, and the degree of L.L.D. upon the Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D., of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

The number of students enrolled in the college during the past year was 204, and in the academy 197, an increase in both institutions. At the beginning of the present year 64 new students were enrolled. There is an actual attendance

of 199, an increase of 13. The enrollment for the year will be larger than ever before in the history of the institution. It will be seen, therefore, that the condition of the college is, on the whole, very satisfactory. The conduct of the students in general has been very good; but little has been required during the year in the way of discipline. It has been felt, however, that the number of absences from recitations and college exercises, on the part of students, was growing so large as to demand a change of the system under which we have been working; and the honor system, too, as in vogue heretofore, did not bring the results which were expected of it. The Faculty, therefore, at the beginning of the present year, returned to the old system of examinations, and instituted a new system of regulations, so far as absences are concerned, holding the students more rigidly to regularity of attendance, and requiring them to make up, by special examinations, for absences from recitations in all the different departments.

The work of instruction was faithfully carried forward during the year and all the old instructors, except in the department of physical culture, have been re-appointed.

The subject of athletics, especially foot ball, has received a great deal of attention during the past year. It is felt on all sides that a great deal of abuse has become manifest in the playing of inter-collegiate games, and that there are evils in the game of foot ball which ought to be corrected. As is well known, the rules of playing have been revised, and eligibility rules have been established, by which the constitution of teams is to be more carefully guarded. In the appointment of a physical director this year, special attention was given to the candidate's ability to take charge of the regular gymnasium work; and with this end in view, Prof. H. B. McLaughlin, formerly of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, has been appointed physical director. It was at the same time arranged that all coaching of the different athletic teams is to be provided for by the Athletic Association, subject to the approval of the faculty.

The work in the department of mathematics has hitherto been divided between Profs. Kerschner and Hiester. This work has been effectively done, but it has become so heavy that it is not right that either of them should bear the burden that now rests upon him for any great length of time and provision ought also to be made for additional work in physics and astronomy. It will, therefore, be necessary, in the near future, to secure an assistant in the department of mathematics so that the pressure may be relieved and the work be done with greater ease and satisfaction.

Progress has been made in the fitting up of the museum,

and this work is to continue during the present year. The museum has been enriched by the donation of an extensive and valuable collection of Indian relics, the gift of the Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer, of Harrisburg. The specimens are classified and arranged in order in our new cases, and they constitute an interesting and valuable addition to our collection. Dr. Kremer deserves the thanks of the institution for this generous gift, into which he has put the labor of many years.

During the summer vacation the interior of the college building has been painted and other improvements have been made which add a great deal to the comfort of the students and make the building and the different lecture-rooms much more attractive. The deeds for the tracts of land purchased from the heirs of the Hamilton estate have been secured during the year, and the college is now in possession of a large and valuable addition to its campus.

The financial condition of the college is, on the whole, encouraging. The whole amount of money paid into the treasury, including contributions and bequests, during the year was \$33,382.44. First and foremost among these gifts is a contribution of \$5,000, made through the president of the Board of Trustees, by Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia. A legacy of \$482.72 was received from the estate of the late Ellen Hefright, of Huntingdon, Pa., and \$1,425 from the estate of the late Francis R. Boyer, of Hellertown, Pa. The sum of \$1,283.22 has been contributed to establish a department of Applied Electricity and Physics, \$1,100 of which was contributed by the Hon. George F. Baer, president of the Board of Trustees. Information has also been received that the Rev. Dr. Herman Rust, deceased, of Tiffin, Ohio, under the provisions of his will, probated on September 5, 1905, made a bequest of \$300 to his alma mater, Franklin and Marshall College. The estate, however, is to remain intact for five years after his death. The whole amount of indebtedness on the Science Building has been cancelled out of the proceeds of money collected in the Eastern Synod and through the payment of \$5,000 by the Hon. W. U. Hensel, in fulfilment of a conditional pledge, made some time ago. There is still a deficit of \$2,738.55 in this year's account. But as repairs were made to the extent of \$655.55, the whole amount of expenditures over income is only about \$2,000. The endowment funds of the college are as follows:

Franklin and Marshall College Endowment.....	\$169,780 28
Presidency Endowment	40,000 00
Audenried Professorship	33,550 00
Alumni Professorship	6,146 58
Daniel Scholl Observatory.....	10,000 00
L. H. Diehl Trust Fund.....	2,000 00

Paul Heine Endowment (German Alcove in Library Building)	1,000 00
John W. Wetsel Prize Fund.....	250 00
R. K. Buehrle Prize Fund.....	200 00
Total	\$262,926 86

It is pleasant to report that Messrs. Hartman and Buchheit, who have been working in the field during the past year, have been very successful and there is every prospect that the work undertaken by them will be carried to the desired issue in due time. The whole amount of cash and pledges received during the year from all sources is for the college, \$35,218.50; for the academy, \$20,200.00; making a total of \$55,418.50. The amount secured in all toward the raising of the proposed \$150,000 is, up to date, \$138,000. Mr. Hartman is working on the raising of \$37,500 to meet Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$37,500 for the new academy building. The amount secured up to this time is \$27,000. It is highly important, therefore, that the work in hand should be prosecuted with unflagging energy to its completion.

The demands made upon the college in the present juncture of affairs are great; but the condition of the college has never been better and the outlook has never been more hopeful. The college, therefore, confidently asks for the continued support of the Synods and the pastors of the different charges, both in securing an open field for Messrs. Hartman and Buchheit, and in directing students to the halls of their own literary institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,

President of Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As President of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, it gives me great pleasure to submit this report.

Mercersburg College, which is the property of this Synod, as the members of this body will note when they visit Mercersburg, on Friday next, is in a most flourishing condition. The total enrollment of the school year, which closed on May 31, 1906, was 386 students, this number of boys having been gathered from the majority of states and several foreign countries. Of this number, eighty-seven received their diplomas. The majority of these graduates, together with a goodly number from the lower classes of the institution, have entered college.

The enrollment for the present year has surpassed all pre-

turned into three rooms—one serving as a class-room, and the other two rooms serving as physical and chemical laboratories, respectively. The increased requirements for college entrance in the Natural Sciences have made this change imperative.

The annual financial statement is as follows:

Tuition received for year 1905-1906.....	\$96,890 71
Expenditures for school year 1905-1906.....	85,186 95
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Clearings for year 1905-1906.....	\$11,703 76

The terms of office of the following Regents expire with this meeting of Synod: Rev. I. N. Peightel, E. J. Bonebrake, Esq., John Gassman.

The Hon. J. W. Wetzel was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. M. O. Noll.

The greatest need of the school at this time is a good gymnasium. The school has no building of this kind worthy of its name. During the past two years, a number of small subscriptions have been received toward this end. It will be the purpose of the management to make an active canvass in the near future, so that the school may be placed on a footing with other schools of the same type, by securing for itself a first-class gymnasium building, which shall be filled with an equipment of modern type.

As all of our friends know, Mercersburg has been wonderfully blessed during the past thirteen years. We have done well, but we expect to do better. Our ideal is a high one. It is our hope that Mercersburg Academy, which is already one of the leading schools of its type in the country, shall become, by its equipment, its high ideals and its results, one of the greatest schools for boys in the entire world. This Synod can do very much toward securing this end. This school is your own property. We beseech you to give it your sympathy, your support and your prayers.

Most respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Maryland.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College, at Frederick, Maryland, herewith presents its fourteenth annual report.

In accordance with the permission granted at the last session of Synod, we had the charter of the College so amended as to increase the number of our Board by the addition of two members, to be chosen by the five, who shall themselves be elected by Synod as heretofore.

At the annual meeting in April, the amended charter having been ratified by the Court, we elected as the additional members of the Board, Milton H. Gibson, of York, Pa., and Jacob Rohrbach, Esq., of Frederick, Md.; both of them accepted their election.

The Board was then organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary, and Adrian C. McCardell, Treasurer.

The college year ended June 12th, at which time nine were graduated in the A.B. course, two in the Piano, six in Art and one in the School of Expression.

The work of the year was of a higher grade than ever before and the commencement was full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

The total enrollment of students was 170, of which number 62 were boarders.

The gross income from all sources was \$20,786.93. The total expenditures were \$21,637.95.

The assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., on July 6, 1906, were \$6,302.61.

- All rentals of buildings are paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of current expenses were examined and found correct. The securities in the hands of the Treasurer were examined, his accounts verified and found correct.

The additional endowment of \$20,000 has been secured. The success of the movement is largely to be credited to the efforts of the President of the College. The closing weeks of the campaign were characterized by the active participation of the students and teachers of the college, whereby over \$1,200 was realized.

The whole invested endowment fund on July 9th was \$39,301.42.

The United States Commission of Education divides the one hundred and twenty-nine Woman's Colleges in this country into two groups, A and B. In Class A are the fourteen large colleges, whose endowment ranges from \$68,000 to \$1,262,000; and in Class B, the smaller colleges, to the number of one hundred and fifteen. Of this latter group, but twenty-five have any endowment worthy of mention. In the last report of the Commissioner, our College ranked sixteenth, to-day it ranks eighth, by reason of the increased endowment. But we have thereby in no sense met the future needs of a growing college. Besides, it is the hope and ambition of those charged with its management that it may be advanced to Class A, in the not distant future.

In addition to this, we challenge the Church to look for-

ward to putting the College into its own buildings, to be erected on the splendid site it already owns for such purpose.

The present college buildings have been repainted in a beautiful Quaker gray with white trimmings. There has been a complete change in the drainage system, and the old fixtures in the building have been replaced by new and entirely sanitary ones. This required the laying of a new and larger sewer and new and underground drains all around the buildings. The new fixtures within the buildings are of the most modern and approved pattern and have been installed according to the latest and best known sanitary principles. The pavements have been relaid with new brick and at a higher level. The drive way along West Hall has been greatly improved by the use of concrete next the building and macadamizing the remainder of it. This work has been done under our supervision, but by the direction of the Frederick Female Seminary Board. The buildings have never been so thoroughly renovated or in such excellent condition.

The gas motor, installed a year ago to operate the organ bellows, did not prove satisfactory and was removed. We have now installed an electric blowing device for the same purpose, which gives promise of being satisfactory.

The faculty has undergone but few changes, and is a well-rounded, strong, competent corps of teachers.

The College was re-opened on September 20th, under very favorable auspices, and with a larger enrollment than usual.

The College has made a record of which its friends may feel proud, and its authorities face the coming year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. The standard has been raised, but a true education must include social culture as well as scholarship; refining influences are as essential to right growth as strong teachers, and the severity of study must never wipe off the bloom of womanly sweetness.

Athletics are as much for grace as for muscular strength. High ideals of conduct are more than high marks in recitation. Woman's special value in the world lies in the qualities of her womanhood. What she is, is worth far more than what she can do. Such is our ideal and this we attempt to realize.

The Board hereby records its thanks for the helpfulness of many friends and asks the active co-operation of this Synod in extending the benefits and blessings of the College to a larger number of the daughters of the Church.

The time of service of Wm. H. Lakin will expire with December 31, 1906, and his successor should be chosen at this session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to present the following report:

At the last annual meeting of the Trustees, held in June, Rev. Joseph L. Murphy was re-elected President of the Board of Trustees and M. J. Rowe was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the College.

The work of the College has been carried forward without any interruption and the members of the faculty reported last year continued at their work throughout the year, doing faithful and efficient service. Owing to the building operations carried on during last year, a great deal of annoyance was experienced, both by teachers and pupils, but since that time conditions have changed so wonderfully that these things remain only as a memory.

The main feature of the last year was the Commencement, at which time two persons were graduated in the College Department and one in Music. On this day the new building was formally opened and the occasion was properly emphasized with suitable services and exercises, the principal address being made by the President of the Board of Trustees. The institution now has a chapel of which the entire church may justly feel proud. It places our school abreast with the very best equipped institutions in western North Carolina.

The total enrollment in all the departments for the last scholastic year is 188, and distributed as follows: College Department, 20; Academic Department, 64; Business Department, 11; Elocution, 18; Music Department, 51; Art Department, 5: deducting the names repeated, leaves a total of 137.

The faculty as at present constituted is as follows: Rev. C. A. Albert Snyder, D.D., President and professor of Latin, Philosophy and History; Rev. J. M. Carrigan, professor of English; William Robert Weaver, professor of Greek and German; Jesse Benjamin Lott, professor of Latin with some work in mathematics; C. H. Lott, professor of Mathematics and Science; Mrs. Emma Rowe, teacher in Business Department; Mrs. Lott, teacher of Elocution; a. a. Lott, teacher of the Manual Department; Mrs. Maria Lott, teacher of Art.

The College opened for work on September 5, 1894, at which time an extraordinary number reported for registration and examination. The total enrollment at this time is 188. 77 of this number are teaching pupils. The last session is now in progress. The College has maintained a constant progress.

until this year, which has been discontinued, owing to the fact that the town of Newton has established a good graded school. This makes the enrollment of the College an increase over that of last year. The increase in the number of boarding students is twenty.

Some difficulty has been experienced in doing the best work by reason of the fact that many go to school only for a short time and then drop out, but an effort is being made to have this changed and some good results are already seen. One of the encouraging features of this present year's outlook is the fact that practically all the students have taken up their work for the entire year and many have expressed the pure pose to take the full course prescribed by the catalogue. The present enrollment is distributed as follows: College Department, 28; Seniors, 4; Juniors, 5; Sophomores, 5; Freshmen, 14. Seventy-five are in the Academic Department.

It is with pleasure that I call the attention of this Synod to the improvements which have been made during the past year. We now have modern equipments, splendid recitation rooms and a chapel that, for beautiful proportions and artistic finish, is not surpassed by any college in western North Carolina.

Owing to the pressing duties attending the improvements made on the College, the President has been unable to put forth special efforts to increase the endowment fund, but without solicitation, a kind friend in Baltimore sent \$100. Of the amount subscribed to the endowment fund, \$712 remain unpaid.

The Synod paid to the College during the year the sum of \$767.95. For this, the Trustees desire to express their sincere thanks and ask from the Reverend Synod their continued support and hearty co-operation in carrying forward our educational work in the South.

I herewith enclose the report of the Finance Committee, made to the Trustees at their last annual meeting, and also a statement from the Treasurer of the College:

RECEIPTS.

Received interest.....	\$837 53
Received from President Snyder, for Athletic Association..	100 00
Received from President Snyder, for use of College.....	1,203 96
Received from Lecture Course.....	252 37
Received from dividend Union Cotton Mills	38 00
Received from Potomac Synod.....	767 95
Received from interest Newton bonds.....	30 00
Received from tuition, board, etc.....	6,747 48
Received from concert at college	36 95
Received from other sources.....	6 90
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	10,016 14
Balance due Treasurer	137 23
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	\$10,153 37

- DISBURSEMENTS.

Recapitulation of report to Board of Trustees, May 29, 1906:

Balance due Treasurer, May, 1905	\$280 20
Paid interest.....	122 50
Paid advertising	84 79
Paid insurance	215 25
Paid tuning pianos.....	9 00
Paid fuel.....	349 20
Paid merchandise, hardware, etc.....	214 27
Paid work.....	186 70
Paid Catalogues.....	71 00
Paid rents.....	90 00
Paid diplomas	14 08
Paid traveling expenses.....	224 99
Paid on piano.....	100 00
Paid Treasurer's salary.....	100 00
Paid teachers' salaries	4,586 50
Paid provisions	2,598 03
Paid cooks	162 21
Paid periodicals, etc.....	81 96
Paid postage.....	58 50
Paid lecture course	395 00
Paid taxes on Pa. lands	38 15
Paid typewriter	25 00
Paid incidentals, all other.....	146 04
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	\$10,153 37

Whole cost of building, \$21,250.00. Indebtedness, \$16,000.00.

M. J. ROWE, *Treasurer*.

"REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

"To the Board of Trustees of Catawba College:

"Your Committee appointed to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

"We find that he received for the year 1905-06, \$10,153.37. Balance due the Treasurer, \$137.23. We find the Treasurer received for building, \$14,461.90. Disbursed for the same, \$14,942.93. Balance due Treasurer, \$481.03. We find the indebtedness of College, not including that incurred for new building, to be as follows:

Shuford National Bank	\$1,350 00
N. I. Rowe.....	350 00
Union Cotton Mills.....	600 00
Soliday Fund	10,000 00
Building Fund	1,800 00
Roller Fund	500 00

Total\$14,600 00

"We have Endowment Funds bearing interest, \$12,942.27. Soliday Fund of \$20,000. Invested security bearing six per cent. interest. Total endowment, \$35,217.27.

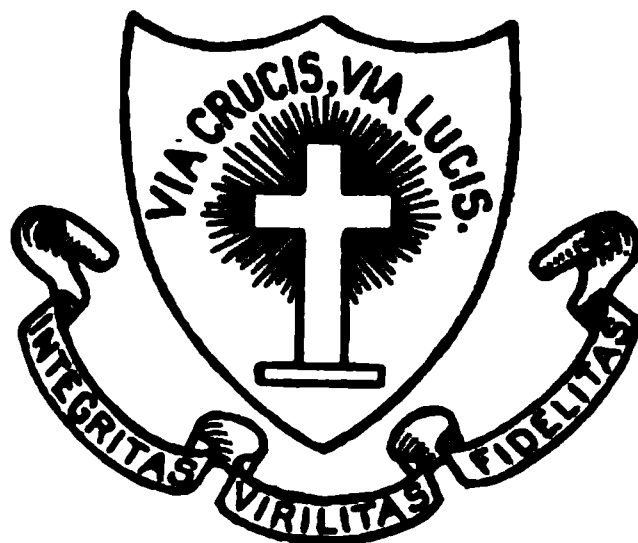
"Your committee finds that outstanding bills on running

EXPENDITURES.**Paid Beneficiary Student—**

Chas. A. Huyett	\$150 00
A. W. Barley	150 00
Guy P. Bready	150 00
A. E. G. Herman	150 00
Irwin S. Ditzler	150 00
Border L. Stanley	100 00
Chalmers W. Walck	150 00
Milton Whitener	150 00
George Missel	150 00
Linden H. Rice	150 00
Jno. A. Ditzler	150 00
J. E. Boomershine	150 00
Ira S. Monn	150 00
A. H. Whetstone, Treasurer	482 72
Discounts, postage, etc.	39 80
First National Bank, Everett,	911 95
Balance in Treasury, July 19, 1906	6 42
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	\$3,340 89

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER,
Treasurer Board of Education.

THE MERCERSBURG ACADEMY.

**DEDICATION OF LAUCKS HALL AND UNVEILING OF PORTRAIT
OF DR. HENRY HARBAUGH.**

Keil Hall, Mercersburg, Pa., October 19, 1906, 2 P. M.

Occasion: Visit of Potomac Synod.

Music by Wayne Band, of Waynesboro, Pa.

OPENING SERVICE.

- 1 Overture, "Poet and Peasant" Band
- 2 Invocation President of Synod
- 3 "Veni Creator Spiritus" Chorus from Glee Club
- 4 Scripture Lesson Psalm 147..... The Rev. J. M. Schick, D.D., '73
Washington, D. C.

UNVEILING SERVICE.

- 5 Selection, "Prince of Pilsen" Band
- 6 Unveiling of Portrait Miss Mary Louisa Harbaugh
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

- 7 Memorial Address The Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.
Hagerstown, Md.
- 8 The Academy Hymn, "Jesus! I Live to Thee," By Assembly
- 9 Acceptance of Portrait..... Dr. W. M. Irvine
- DEDICATION SERVICE.
- 10 Waltz, "Garden of Roses"..... Band
- 11 Address in Behalf of Mr. Laucks ... The Rev. Henry Harbaugh Apple
York, Pa.
- 12 Address in Behalf of Faculty and Boys..... Dr. W. M. Irvine
(AT STEPS OF LAUCKS HALL.)
- 13 March, "Montezuma," Band
- 14 Address in Behalf of Board of Regents.. The Rev. I. N. Pelghtel, '78
Greencastle, Pa.
- 15 Formal Dedicatory Sentence..... The Rev. C. J. Munser, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.
- 16 The Academy Song..... Boys of Academy
- 17 The Lord's Prayer..... Led by the Rev. E. R. Eachbach, D.D.
Frederick, Md.
- 18 Doxology The Assembly
- 19 Benediction..... The Rev. J. H. Smith, '98
Littlestown, Pa.

THE ACADEMY HYMN.

<p>Jesus! I live to Thee, The loveliest and best; My life in Thee, Thy life in me, In Thy blest love I rest.</p> <p>Jesus! I die to Thee, Whenever death shall come; To die in Thee, is life to me, In my eternal home.</p>	<p>Whether to live or die, I know not which is best; To live in Thee, is bliss to me, To die is endless rest.</p> <p>Living or dying, Lord, I ask but to be Thine; My life in Thee, Thy life in me, Make heaven forever mine, <i>Henry Harbaugh,</i></p>
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VENI CREATOR, SPIRITUS.

<p>Veni Creator, Spiritus, Imple superna gratia, Da Gaudiorum, præmia, Dissolve litis vincula, Sit laus Patricum Filio, Nobis que mittat Filius.</p>	<p>Mentem tuorum visita, Quæ tu crenati pectora Da gratiorum munera, Adstringe pacis socium Sancto simul Parnachio, Charissima Sancti Spiritus.</p>
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Words by Charlemagne. Tune by St. Gregory. Harmonization by Bach.

ALMA MATER.

High tower above us her pillars,
In majesty crowning the hill;
She has faced the wild storm waves of years,
And bravely she faces them still.

Come, Meridenburg's sons, and we'll praise her;
The world will we tell of her fame,
Till down the long train of the ages,
Shall echo old Meridenburg's name.

This world encompassing majesty crowned,
Will witness our hands with the years,
But ever we'll praise Alma Mater.
With full hearts and loud swelling voices

Report of the Committee on Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Education begs leave to submit the following report:

The following documents were referred to the committee: The report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, John B. Roth; a report from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary; the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, together with the correspondence between the said Board and the faculty of the Ursinus School of Theology, with reference to a proposition for the union of the two institutions; a Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College; the Report of the Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D., LL.D., the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, a Catalogue of Woman's College and the report of the Board of Directors of the same; the reports of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College and of the Finance Committee of the same; the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, the Rev. J. David Miller; the report of the Board of Education, and an announcement from the Messanutzen Academy.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

From the reports relating to the work of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, we learn that the total enrollment of students during the year was forty-four, seventeen of whom graduated; that the actual receipts for the year were \$5,267.17 with a balance due on Seminary Aid Fund of \$2,894.29; a balance of interest due on Endowment Fund and Seminary Aid Fund of \$1,276.57; a balance due on the Endowment Fund of \$9,221.96—making a total of receipts and funds due of \$18,659.99, which amount is equal to the expenditures for the year; the desire of the Board of Trustees that Synod should note the inadequacy of the endowment funds of the Seminary to meet the current expenses, and the request for an appropriation of \$2,000 toward the payment of these expenses; the addition to the faculty of the Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., and Dr. Irwin Hoch DeLong, the former holding a lectureship and the latter being an instructor in Old Testament Science; the request for an appropriation of \$250 to retain the services of the Rev. John M. Chambers, a Professor of Oratory; the co-operation of pastors in increasing the number of students in attendance at the Seminary.

We recommend the following for your consideration and adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the successful work of the Seminary during the past year and in the addition of

Rev. J. I. Swander, D.D., and Dr. Irwin Hoch DeLong to the faculty.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod, through the Classes, urges pastors to present the claims of the office of the ministry upon young men of ability and promise.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod commends the splendid progress of the work of enlarging the endowment of the Seminary, by Professor J. C. Bowman, D.D., and records its appreciation of the many generous gifts to this fund on the part of the ministry and by the members of the Board of Trustees, notably that of Mr. Israel Laucks, of York, Pa.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod concurs with the Board of Visitors in the retention of the services of Rev. John M. Chambers, as professor of Oratory, and grants the request of the Board of Trustees for an appropriation of \$250 towards the expenses of the same.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod grants the request of the Board of Trustees for an appropriation of \$2,000, to meet the deficit and the current expenses.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod heartily commends to our people the cause of the increased endowment of the Theological Seminary and requests the pastors in the several Classes to lend their active co-operation in the efforts to bring the movement to an early and successful completion.

Your committee calls the attention of Synod to the statement of facts with regard to the proposed union of Ursinus School of Theology and the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., as set forth in the report of the Board of Visitors; together with the original resolutions as set forth in those adopted by a joint conference of members of the faculty of Ursinus School of Theology and of the Theological Seminary to the Board of Visitors, and the series of resolutions adopted by the Board in response to the same.

From the annual report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. J. S. Stahr, it is learned that the total enrollment of the College during the last year was 204, and that of the Academy 197; this being an increase over the attendance during the preceding year; that the enrollment for the new year is larger than ever before in the history of the institution; that certain changes were made in the college discipline; that Prof. H. B. McLaughlin was appointed physical director and general manager of athletics; that the expansion of the work in physics and astronomy will necessitate the provision of an assistant in the department of mathematics in the near future; that the museum was enriched by the gift of an extensive and valuable collection of Indian relics by the Prof. Dr. H. N. Knicker of Harrisburg, Pa.; that substantial improvements were made in the college buildings.

looking toward the comfort of the students and the attractiveness of the lecture rooms; that the campus was enlarged by the acquisition of adjoining tracts of land; that the financial condition of the college is encouraging, the receipts for the year, including contributions and bequests, amounting to \$33,382.44; that the endowment funds of the College amount to \$262,926.86; that of the additional \$150,000 endowment, \$139,000 have been raised; that toward meeting the condition of the Carnegie offer of \$37,500, \$27,000 have been raised; that more than \$70,000 were raised for the endowment of the College and for the Academy building during the last year.

We recommend the following items for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the prosperous condition of the College, in the excellency of the work done and in the promising outlook for the future.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod commends the College and the Academy to the patronage of the Church, and that the Classes urge pastors and consistories to co-operate with the management of the institutions in securing new students.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod commends the earnest and successful work of Messrs. Hartman and Buchheit, in increasing the endowment fund of the College and in raising the Academy Building fund, and urges the pastors and consistories to co-operate in the speedy completion of these funds.

From the report of the President of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College we learn that the enrollment of students for the year ending May 31, 1906, was 386, surpassing all previous records; that at no time during the year were the accommodations adequate to meet the needs; that the faculty numbers twenty-five; that during the year \$10,000 were subscribed to the funds of the College; that in addition to the initial fund of \$5,000, \$9,000 have been received toward the building of Lauck's Hall, which is to be completed at a cost of \$28,000; that the grounds have been enlarged by the purchase of additional lands; that the receipts for the year from tuition were \$96,890.71, and the expenditures, \$85,186.95—the clearings for the year, \$11,703.76; that the management of the College expects, in the near future, to raise funds for a gymnasium.

1. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the splendid work and progress and prosperity of Mercersburg College, and commends all its needs and interests to the patronage of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod express and record its sincere appreciation of the cordial hospitality on the part of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Irvine, on the occasion of the visit to

Mercersburg College, and the Corresponding Secretary be hereby instructed to convey to them our heartfelt thanks.

From the report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College, Frederick, Maryland, we learn that the total enrollment last year was 170; of whom eighteen graduated from the institution; that the income from all sources was \$20,786.93, and that the expenditures were \$21,637.95; that there is an invested endowment of \$39,301.42; that the buildings have been improved and beautified, and that the college opened the new year with an unusually large enrollment.

We recommend the following for your consideration and adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity of Woman's College, and heartily commends the efficiency and worthiness of the institution to parents who may seek the culture and Christian education of their daughters.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod commends the College to the benevolence of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod refers the matter of the erection of new buildings on grounds owned by the College to the Board of Directors.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, it is learned that there was a total enrollment for the year of 188; that three graduated from the College; that a new chapel and recitation hall was built, at a cost of \$21,250, of which sum \$8,357 have been provided; that the indebtedness of the College, not including the indebtedness on the new building, is \$4,600; that the endowment fund is \$35,217.27, and that the receipts for the year were \$10,153.37. We commend the following items for your consideration and adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod rejoices in the favorable report of the work of the College and in the improved condition, in the form of renovation and improvement of old buildings and in the completion of a new building.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby expresses the hope that North Carolina Classis will in the near future take such action as will place the College in an organic relation with Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the expenses of the members of the Board of Trustees not residing within the bounds of North Carolina Classis be paid out of treasury of Synod, to attend at least the annual meeting of the Board.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod commends all the interest of the College to the patronage and benevolence of the Church.

From the report of the Board of Education, we learn that thirteen students were given aid during the last year; that the receipts were \$3,340.89, and the expenditures \$3,334.47; the receipt of a bequest from Mrs. Ellen Hefright; that the

Board desires that only the interest of bequests and moneys refunded by students be used for beneficiary purposes.

We offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod approves the plan of the Board in setting apart bequests and moneys refunded by students as a special fund, the interest of which only shall be used for beneficiary education.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod, through Classes, commends the cause of Beneficiary Education to the liberality of our congregations, and that Classes in arrears in the payment of their apportionment for the cause be urged to pay the same.

3. *Resolved*, That the treasurers of congregations and Classes be urged to send in all funds for the cause early in the school year.

From an announcement of Massanutten Academy, we learn that the institution has had a prosperous year and that seventy-three students were enrolled.

Resolved, That Synod rejoices in this prosperity and commends the interests of the Academy to the sympathy and patronage of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. EMHOFF,
T. J. BARKLEY,

B. F. BAUSMAN,
ISRAEL LAUCKS.

Report of Synod's Representative on Building Committee for Two Professors' Houses.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your representative on the committee to superintend the construction of two professors' houses at Lancaster attended to the duty assigned him. A complete account as to the houses and the cost thereof is contained in the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH.

October 16, 1906.

Report of Synod's Representative on the Committee Charged With the Work of Increasing the Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: As your representative on the committee, to whom was committed the work of raising \$150,000 to increase the endowment of the Theological Seminary, I would respectfully report that the committee has organized the work, appointed Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D., to carry forward the active canvass of the Synods for subscriptions, who has thus far met with a very generous response on the part of the

alumni and Boards of the Seminary. Dr. Bowman will make a report of his work to this Synod. It is our hope that the laity of the Church will follow the example of their pastors and make it possible for our representative speedily to complete the task committed to him.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER.

Report of the Committee on the Increased Endowment of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The financial statements herewith presented show the results of the canvass in behalf of the increased endowment of the Theological Seminary during the past synodical year. The work of the year has been confined mainly to the canvass of the ministry of the twenty-five Classes composing the three Synods. The plan proposed at the beginning of the year was to raise, if possible, a fund of not less than \$25,000, to be subscribed by the ministry of the three Synods—an average of \$1,000 per Classis. The undersigned made a personal canvass of twenty-four Classes, while that of North Carolina was conducted by correspondence. The amount pledged and credited to the several Classes to date is \$24,900. The pledges are made payable in annual instalments, from one to five years, to suit the convenience of the subscriber. Several subscribers have already made payment in full. More than \$6,000 has been paid into the treasury and is now bearing interest.

The Record of Pledges shows that 275 names are enrolled, with the average subscription of \$90 per minister. In several instances, every alumnus of the Seminary on the Classical list is enrolled, and it is gratifying to find that in the same column are names of subscribers who, while not alumni of the seminary, have no less interest in its welfare.

The record of the canvass of the ministry would seem to be complete without the addition of any further pledges; but the Synods will rejoice to find the opening pages of the historic "Record of Pledges" adorned with the names of ten ministers, within the bounds of the three Synods, whose love for the Church has impelled them to subscribe \$1,000 each for the increase of the endowment of the Theological Seminary. This column is further enriched by the subscription of \$1,000 each from four alumni of the Seminary, whose names for the present, are withheld from public mention. But though unnamed, they share no less in the gratitude of the Church.

The Class of 1906, recently graduated from the Seminary, completes and crowns the ministerial roll of subscribers to the endowment fund by a pledge of \$1,100 from thirteen of its members. These young men represent the ministry of the future. Under such leadership, who can forecast the progress and prosperity of our denomination in the various departments of Church work!

From the foregoing statements, it will be seen that the sum of subscriptions to the endowment fund, on the part of our ministry, aggregates \$40,000. It is a noble record of consecration, exhibiting a spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice which reflects no little credit upon the denomination which our ministry represent.

The Board of Trustees, who are the guardians of the material interests of the Seminary, and who, for many years, have urged upon the attention of the Synods the necessity of an increased endowment, needed simply the opportunity to record their pledges in order to show their faithfulness to their official trust. Those whose names are recorded fully merit the gratitude with which the Church accepts these latest pledges of their devotion and liberality. The list of their subscriptions is hereto appended. The sum of their pledges to date is \$13,050.

The total amount pledged by the ministry and the Board of Trustees is \$53,050. To this should be added the pledges volunteered by several laymen, on the floor of the Potomac and Eastern Synods, at their last annual meetings, amounting to \$950; making the total sum of subscriptions to date \$54,000.

This report of the results of the year's work in behalf of the endowment movement is submitted to the Synods with grateful acknowledgment of God's blessings and with high appreciation of the prompt and liberal support rendered by our ministry and the Board of Trustees.

What further success may attend the movement will depend upon the action of the Synods, the continued co-operation of the pastors, faithful work on the part of the Endowment Committee and the character of the response on the part of our people.

It is to our people that the Synods now appeal for offerings, commensurate with their love for the Church and adequate to the needs of our Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted:

Signed by the Chair man of the Committee,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

**STATEMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOW-
MENT FUND FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE TWENTY-FIVE
CLASSES OF THE THREE EASTERN SYNODS.**

<i>Pittsburgh Synod.</i>		<i>Potomac Synod.</i>	
Westmoreland Classis ..	\$1,695 00	Zion's Classis	\$700 00
Clarion Classis	925 00	Maryland Classis	1,925 00
St. Paul's Classis	425 00	Mercersburg Classis	750 00
Somerset Classis	990 00	Virginia Classis	500 00
Allegheny Classis	1,510 00	North Carolina Classis ..	150 00
		Gettysburg Classis	475 00
Total	\$5,545 00	Carlisle Classis	500 00
		Juniata Classis	1,095 00
		Total	\$6,155 00
<i>Eastern Synod.</i>			
East Penn's Classis	\$1,520 00	Tohickon Classis	\$1,000 00
Lebanon Classis	800 00	Goshenhoppen Classis ..	775 00
Philadelphia Classis	800 00	Lehigh Classis	1,900 00
Lancaster Classis	1,900 00	Schuylkill Classis	630 00
E. Susquehanna Classis ..	925 00	Wyoming Classis	750 00
W. Susquehanna Classis ..	850 00	Reading Classis	1,450 00
		Total	\$13,200 00
Sum total	\$24,900 00		

**CLASSICAL AND SYNODICAL PAYMENTS ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT—TO OCTOBER 1, 1906.**

<i>Eastern Synod.</i>		
East Pennsylvania	\$150 00	
Lebanon	95 00	
Philadelphia	285 00	
Lancaster	620 00	
East Susquehanna	125 00	
West Susquehanna	175 00	
Tohickon	170 00	
Goshenhoppen	265 00	
Lehigh	295 00	
Schuylkill	245 00	
Wyoming	270 00	
Reading	435 00	
	\$3,150 00	
<i>Potomac Synod.</i>		
Zions	\$140 00	
Maryland	967 50	
Mercersburg	495 00	
Virginia	70 00	
North Carolina	45 00	
Gettysburg	125 00	
Carlisle	100 00	
Juniata	175 00	
	2,117 50	
<i>Pittsburgh Synod.</i>		
Westmoreland	\$315 00	
Clarion	195 00	
St. Paul's	45 00	
Somerset	230 00	
Allegheny	315 00	
	1,100 00	

Rev. W. E. Hoy, D. D.	\$5 00	
Rev. J. F. Vernholt.	20 00	
Rev. W. J. Klein	6 00	
		<hr/> 31 00
		<hr/> \$6,378 50

October 5, 1906. Examined and found correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JOHN HERTZLER,
Auditors.

LIST OF \$1,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE THREE EASTERN SYNODS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Rev. David B. Lady, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod.....	\$1,000 00
Rev. and Mrs. Chas. R. Ferner, Pittsburgh Synod	1,000 00
Rev. and Mrs. Alpha H. Kline, Pittsburgh Synod.	1,000 00
Name withheld for the present, Pittsburgh Synod.....	1,000 00
Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Eastern Synod.....	1,000 00
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A. Leinbach, Eastern Synod.....	1,000 00
Name withheld for the present, Eastern Synod	1,000 00
Name withheld for the present, Eastern Synod.....	1,000 00
Rev. and Mrs. Isaac M. Motter, Potomac Synod	1,000 00
Rev. Jonas B. Shontz, Potomac Synod	1,000 00
Dr. and Mrs. William Mann Irvine, Potomac Synod	1,000 00
Rev. Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Potomac Synod	1,000 00
Name withheld for the present, Potomac Synod.....	1,000 00
Rev. Isaac N. Peightel, Potomac Synod	1,000 00
Total	<hr/> \$14,000 00

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Mr. Israel Laucks	\$10,000 00
Mr. John Hertzler	1,000 00
Mr. John D. Skiles ,	1,000 00
Other members	1,050 00
Total	<hr/> \$13,050 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

At the election of members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., J. David Miller, C. Clever, D.D., were elected members of the Board of Education for three years; Rev. I. N. Peightel, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., W. J. Zacharias, Esq., were elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for three years, and Hon. J. W. Wetzel for two years; S. J. Hoffman, M.D., was elected a director of Woman's College for five years; Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for four years; C. M. Wolf, Esq., J. B. Shullenberger, Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years; Revs. C. B. Heller, T. J. Hacker, D.D., J. C. Leonard, D.D., Elders M. J. Rowe, G. H. Geitner, J. L. Hedrick were nominated for Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the Classis of North Carolina, for six years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the date of the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Revs. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., J. David Miller, C. Clever, D.D., 1909; Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., 1908; Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., J. P. Harner, P. A. DeLong, 1907.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Rev. I. N. Peightel, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1909; Hon. J. W. Wetzel, Revs. F. F. Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., 1908; Revs. C. Clever, D.D., J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebley, 1907.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Elder S. J. Hoffman, M.D., 1911; Elder A. C. McCardell, 1910; Elder John Gassman, 1909; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., 1908; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1907.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., 1910; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., J. W. Santee, D.D., 1908.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Elders C. M. Wolff, Esq., J. B. Shullenberger, 1911; Elders E. A. Shullenberger, Robert L. Motter, 1910; Elders S. N. Hench, I. Laucks, 1908.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909; W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1907.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions and of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, for consideration. The committee presented its report during the sessions of Thursday and Saturday afternoons. The report was received, read, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.
To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: We hereby present to you our annual

report, with gratitude to God for the measure of success which has been vouchsafed to the work committed to our hands.

Thirty-nine missions were under our care during the past year. Of these, nineteen belong to the Synod of the Potomac and twenty to the Eastern Synod. One mission, that at Oak Lane, Pa., became self-sustaining, and three new missions, at Tatamy, Pa., Wayne Junction, Pa., and Third Church, Hanover, Pa., were enrolled. The reports from the various missions have been encouraging, most of them showing a commendable degree of progress.

Your Board transmitted to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod the action taken by both your reverend bodies, disapproving the election of a superintendent for these two Synods who had not been nominated by them. The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod thereupon reconsidered its former action, elected Rev. A. C. Whitmer, your nominee, District Superintendent and placed him in charge of the missions within the bounds of these two Synods. He resumed the duties of his office April 1, 1906.

The following were the members of this Board at the beginning of the present Synodical year, with the time when the term of office of each expires:

Eastern Synod: Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Rev. S. R. Bridenbach, D.D., Rev. C. B. Schneder, Elder John J. Nissley, Elder C. J. Shaffer and Elder James T. Reber, all on April 1, 1910.

Potomac Synod: Rev. E. R. Deatruck, 1909; Rev. H. H. Apple, 1909; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., 1908; Rev. L. E. Coblenz, 1908; Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., 1907; Rev. J. David Miller, 1906; and Rev. N. H. Skyles, 1906. Here the terms expire on April 1st, after the years named.

One of our number, Elder Charles J. Shaeffer, was called hence to his eternal reward. He was a man full of good works and devoted to his Church. We place upon record our appreciation of his worth. The Eastern Synod will notice that a vacancy has been created by his death.

The Eastern Synod will further notice that at its last annual meeting only six members of this Board were elected, though the Synod is entitled to seven members.

The Synod of the Potomac will notice that the term of office of Revs. J. David Miller and N. H. Skyles expires April 1, 1907; also, that a vacancy has been created by the removal of Rev. E. R. Deatruck from the bounds of the Synod.

At the annual meeting of the Board, held in Salem Reformed church, Harrisburg, Pa., the following officers were elected for a term of four years: President, William C. Schaeffer, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.; Treasurer, Elder John J. Nissley. These, together with Rev. S. R.

Bridenbach, D.D., Rev. L. E. Coblentz and Rev. H. H. Apple, constitute the Executive Council.

We are glad to report the following Church Building Funds of \$500 each received from the two Synods, some for the treasury of this Board and the rest for the treasury of the General Board:

From the Eastern Synod: The Rev. Dr. B. B. Ferer Fund, given by the Sunday-school at Riegelsville, Pa.; the Butz-Chidsey Fund, given by Mrs. Matilda Chidsey, of the First church, Easton, Pa.; the Charles J. Schaeffer Fund, given by Mrs. Matilda Schaeffer, of Emmanuel's church, Hazleton, Pa., and the Meyer Fund, given by will of Jacob M. Meyer, of Rohrerstown, Pa.

From the Synod of the Potomac: The J. Taylor Motter Fund; the Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman Fund, No. 3, given by themselves; the Zion's, Hagerstown, Fund, given by Zion's church, Hagerstown, Md.; the Georgietta C. Peightel Fund and the Rev. Isaac N. Peightel Fund, given by will of Mrs. Georgietta C. Peightel, of Greencastle, Pa., and the Mercersburg Academy Fund, given by the students and faculty of that institution.

During the past year, the Mission Band Fund was completed, under the direction of two ladies of Zion's church, Chambersburg, Pa., the contributions having come from the Mission Bands of several Synods.

As a part of this report, we herewith transmit to you the annual report of Treasurer John J. Nissley, which has been duly audited.

WILLIAM C. SCHAEFFER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:*

HOME MISSIONS.

DR.

From the Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis	\$2,102 74
Tohickon Classis	1,414 20
Goshenhoppen Classis	2,618 00
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,460 25
Lebanon Classis	1,947 53
Lancaster Classis	2,125 73
Schuylkill Classis	1,842 58
East Susquehanna Classis	1,717 61
West Susquehanna Classis	2,039 96
Lehigh Classis	1,661 00
Wyoming Classis	1,880 97
Reading Classis	3,040 77
	<hr/> \$24,851 34

From the Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis	\$3,283 78	
Mercersburg Classis	1,500 26	
Virginia Classis	500 00	
Zion's Classis	95 24	
Juniata Classis	1,826 90	
Gettysburg Classis	500 00	
North Carolina Classis	611 64	
Carlisle Classis	804 47	
		9,122 20
		<u>\$33,973 63</u>

Home Missionary Day Offerings.

Reformed Church, Hummelstown, Pa.	\$13 55	
St. John's Sunday-school, Milton, Pa.	37 31	
Sunday-school, Harrisonville, Va.	15 22	
Faith, Salisbury, N. C.	10 26	
First, Lexington, N. C.	5 00	
St. John's Sunday-school, Allentown, Pa.	29 88	
Zion's, Lenoir, N. C.	3 00	
First, High Point, N. C.	3 30	
Sunday-school, Martinsburg, W. Va.	55 21	
Missionary Society, Martinsburg, W. Va.	40 00	
Mercersburg Classis ..	51 27	
Lancaster Classis	22 34	
Thomasville Charge, N. C.	13 00	
St. John's, Lebanon, Pa.	8 56	
Reading Classis	112 19	
Sunday-school, Huntingdon, Pa.	21 75	
Congregation, Huntingdon, Pa.	30 58	
Grace, Altoona, Pa.	20 00	
St. Clairsville, Pa.	27 00	
Alexandria, Pa.	9 07	
Williamsburg, Pa.	6 00	
Missionary Convention, Sulphur Springs, Pa.	2 30	
Heckerman Missionary Society, Dunning's Creek, Pa.	5 00	
Classica Communion, Martinsburg, Pa.	7 00	
Sunday-school, Fort Washington, Pa.	67 69	
St. John's, Orwigsburg, Pa.	12 50	
St. Paul's, Waynesboro, Pa.	5 00	
Mercersburg, Pa.	17 00	
Mt. Crawford Charge, Va.	25 42	
Juniata Classis	29 01	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	8 50	
Macungie, Pa.	10 00	
Concord, N. C.	4 51	
Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.	256 79	
		985 21

Miscellaneous Sources.

Rev. F. A. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	\$10 00	
Mrs. Amanda Wagner, interest on legacy.	100 00	
Interest on Gerhart Fund.	6 00	
		116 00
		<u>\$35,074 84</u>

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Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board.	\$35,074 84
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HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Dr.

Maryland Classis	\$284 00	
Carlisle Classis	112 00	
Zion's Classis	43 55	
Mercersburg Classis	168 61	
Virginia Classis	102 00	
Juniata Classis	440 00	
Eastern Synod	2,892 74	
	<hr/>	\$4,042 90

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Maryland Classis	\$66 00	
Carlisle Classis	12 00	
Mercersburg Classis	19 39	
Zion's Classis	7 71	
Virginia Classis	11 00	
Juniata Classis	30 00	
Eastern Classis	598 53	
	<hr/>	\$744 63

GERMAN MISSIONS.

Potomac Synod	\$200 00	
Maryland Classis	149 00	
Zion's Classis	29 49	
Virginia Classis	35 00	
Eastern Synod	1,434 50	
	<hr/>	1,847 99
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		\$6,635 52

Cr.

Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board	\$6,635 52
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DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Heckerman Missionary Society, for Bethel, Philadelphia, Pa.	\$5 00	
Alexandria, Pa., for Lanyan Center, Kan.	10 00	
Juniata Classis, for Indianapolis Mission	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 00

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Paid as designated	\$17 00
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FOR CHURCH BUILDING.

Dr.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 29, 1905		\$156 67
Schuylkill Classis	\$221 00	
Lancaster Classis	233 35	
Tohickon Classis	186 00	
Reading Classis	420 00	
Philadelphia Classis	247 62	
Lebanon Classis	164 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis	5 83	
Lehigh Classis	200 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis	726 00	
East Susquehanna Classis	246 48	
	<hr/>	2,650 28
Maryland Classis	20 92	
Carlisle Classis	145 00	
	<hr/>	165 92
		<hr/>
		\$2,972 87

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Zion's Church, Hagerstown, Md.....	\$500 00	
Georgieta C. Peightel Fund	475 00	
Rev. Isaac N. Peightel Fund.....	475 00	
Collateral inheritance paid out of General Treasury	50 00	
	<hr/>	1,500 00

BEQUESTS.

Ellen Hefright, Huntingdon, Pa.....	\$482 72	
Mrs. Matilda Schaeffer, Hazelton, Pa.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	732 72

LOANS REPAID.

Burlington, N. C.	\$300 00	
First church, High Point, N. C.....	90 00	
Bethel church, High Point, N. C.....	225 00	
Salisbury, N. C., balance on note.....	108 11	
Hungarian church, Trenton, N. J.....	100 00	
Christ church, Baltimore, Md.....	250 00	
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	400 00	
Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	125 00	
Grace church, Baltimore, Md.....	500 00	
Steelton, Pa.	200 00	
Packerton, Pa.....	500 00	
Harrisonburg, Va.....	500 00	
Grace, Allentown, Pa.	325 00	
St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.	2,300 00	
Roanoke, Va.	700 00	
Amount transferred from General Treasury.....	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	11,621 11
		<hr/>
		\$16,826 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board of Home Missions.....	\$4,000 00	
Grace church, York, Pa.	1,000 00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.	5,000 00	
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt. Fund for General Board, Zion's, Hagerstown, Md.....	500 00	
Pittsburg Synod, one-third Ellen Hefright bequest	160 90	
C. M. Boush, for Church Building.....	2,816 20	
Balance in treasury, October 5, 1906.....	3,349 60	
	<hr/>	\$16,826 70

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in treasury, September 29, 1905.....		\$5,049 87
Zion's, Marietta	\$50 00	
Roanoke, Va.	161 50	
First, York, Pa.....	60 00	
Dividends York Bank Stock.....	50 00	
Christ's, West Hazleton, Pa.....	50 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., General Board.....	220 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell	95 00	
First, High Point, N. C.....	26 25	
Maryland Classis	167 71	
Christ's, Lykens, Pa.	80 00	
Grace, South Allentown, Pa.....	16 00	
Bethel, High Point, N. C.....	2 25	
Mrs. Leah Sidel	75 00	
Messiah, Philadelphia, Pa.....	60 00	
ak Lane, Pa.	80 00	

Wyoming Classis, for Scranton, Pa.....	75 00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.....	150 00	
Christ's, Packerton, Pa.....	10 00	
Calvary, Scranton, Pa.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	1,503 71
		<hr/>
		\$6,553 58

CREDITS.

Rev. L. C. Thomas, traveling expenses	\$6 06	
Amount transferred to loans account.....	5,000 00	
Dr. Roland Jessup, York, Pa.....	200 00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.....	120 00	
Student Lee A. Peeler four months' salary.....	120 00	
Peightel Fund, to pay collateral inheritance tax ..	50 00	
Traveling expenses of Board, printing and postage,	89 74	
Salary of the Secretary	75 00	
Salary of the Treasurer	75 00	
Balance in treasury, October 5, 1906	\$17 78	
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Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, Treasurer.

Hummelstown, Pa., October 5, 1906.

HARRISBURG, PA., October 13, 1906.

We, the undersigned, examined the above account and found it correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
JAMES C. THOMPSON,
Auditors.

**Annual Statement of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed
Church in the United States.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting to you this annual report, the Board would first of all express its gratitude to God for His guidance, His sustaining power and His blessing upon the work, and to the Church for the generous support that was given to the cause during the past year.

The year has been characterized by substantial and encouraging growth and the future is rich in promise.

The Board is constituted at present as follows:

President, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md.

Vice-President, Rev. C. E. Miller, D.D., Tiffin, O.

Secretary, Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Easton, Pa.

Treasurer, Elder Geo. W. Stein, Annville, Pa.

The Treasurer of Church Building Fund and Attorney of the Board, Elder C. M. Boush, Esq., Meadville, Pa.

Rev. E. Vornholt, Berne, Ind.

Rev. D. W. Ebbert, D.D., Carlisle, Pa.

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

Elder H. F. Texter, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Since the last meeting of the Synod, three members of the

Board have died, namely: Rev. Miles O. Noll, of Carlisle, Pa.; Elder F. G. Hobson, Esq., of Collegeville, Pa., and Rev. L. C. B. Lahr, D.D., of Delaware, O. Elections were held by the Board and the first two vacancies were filled, respectively, by the election of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa., and J. W. Bickel, Esq., of Norristown, Pa.

During the year, the following missions became self-supporting: Oak Lane, Pa.; Edinburg, Ill.; Barberton, O. The following were enrolled as new mission points: Second Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Conover, N. C., and the Second Hungarian church in Cleveland, O. The indebtedness of the Board at the time of the meeting of the Board, October 8th, was \$16,698.91, which is somewhat less than it was after the October meeting one year ago.

During the year, the following Church Building Funds have been received:

No. 131—The John E. Keen Church Building Fund.....	\$500 00
No. 132—The Philistia B. Kline Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 133—The Magdalena Allebach Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 134—The Mary E. Williard Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 135—The Fannie Gormly Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 136—The J. Taylor Motter Church Building Fund	500 00
No. 137—The Mission Band Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 138—The Lancaster, O., Classis II. Church Building Fund..	500 00
No. 139—The George W. and Agnes Hoffman III. Church Building Fund	500 00
No. 140—The Dr. B. B. Ferer Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 141—The Boudter, Iowa, Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 142—The Iowa Classis Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 143—The Zion's, Hagerstown, Md., Church Building Fund..	500 00
No. 144—The Butz-Chidsey Church Building Fund.....	500 00
No. 145—The Hattie Miley Mickley Church Building Fund....	500 00
No. 146—The Mercersburg College Church Building Fund	500 00
No. 147—The Chas. J. Schaffer Church Building Fund	500 00
No. 148—The Meyer Church Building Fund.....	500 00

Total amount of Church Building Fund money, and bequests, \$87,998.

There are at present one hundred and fourteen missions on the roll.

The Hungarian work is in an encouraging condition. There was considerable apprehension and uneasiness in reference to this work for a time, because of the agitation on the part of the Reformed Church in Hungary to induce all of the Hungarian congregations in this country to unite with and come under the direct control of the mother church in Hungary. But after a full presentation of the advantages and disadvantages of such a step, the congregations belonging to our Church, without exception, have decided to stay in their present relation.

The Hungarian Church is growing. We have hitherto

depended upon the Church in Hungary for our Hungarian missionaries, but it is now seen that we must also educate some Hungarians here for this work. This fact was reported to the last General Synod, and that Synod said:

“Resolved, That this Synod approves the purpose of the Board of Home Missions to raise a fund for the education of young men for the Hungarian ministry, and that the details of the plan be left to the judgment of the Board.”

For this educational work the Board cannot use its current missionary funds, but must depend entirely upon money given for this particular purpose. About \$150 will see a Hungarian student through one year of his course. We need always to have three or four such students. Interest in this feature of our work must not, however, supersede the claims of the apportionment. That should in every case be paid us in full.

Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, who was for many years the efficient Harbor Missionary, at New York, resigned and accepted a pastorate in Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Paul H. Land has been elected as his successor, and is proving himself well fitted for this important and trying position.

The Board has been aggressive as the men and means at our command will warrant. Never in our history as a Church have there been so many open doors and such pressing appeals for the enrollment of new missions and for financial aid in building mission churches. It is a matter of deep regret that many of these requests cannot be granted. There is a pressing need for more ministers. The scarcity of candidates for the ministry is a grave menace to missionary work. Why should this condition of things exist? Does the cause lie in the spiritual life of our churches and families? If this be so, let the proper remedy be promptly and speedily applied, that the needed relief may come at an early day. The Church is hereby earnestly challenged to renewed efforts and enlarged contributions for this work.

We would again urge careful attention to the following matters of special importance:

First. That the apportionment be raised in full, and as early in the Classical year as possible, so that the regular work can go forward without embarrassment.

Second. That Home Missionary Day, on the second Sunday in November, be observed. The contributions of which are to be over and above the apportionment. This special offering will this year be applied to the erection of a suitable church building for the Chicago mission. Chicago is a strategic point, from which should radiate influences that will be helpful in founding other churches.

Send the money direct to the General Superintendent Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, 1308 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., and he will receipt you in duplicate.

Third. The "Home Missionary Bulletin" is published at considerable expense to the Board, for the purpose of benefiting our people and deepening their interest in Home Missions. The charge of one dollar per hundred is only so much help toward paying the postage. Where the "Bulletin" has been faithfully distributed, it has proved its usefulness. We ask the active co-operation of pastors and consistories in regularly and promptly placing it in the families of their congregations.

Fourth. Attention is again called to the great helpfulness of Church Building Funds, and request is made that individuals, families and church organizations be renewedly challenged to establish such funds.

Fifth. That Classical and Synodical Treasurers be directed to make monthly remittances of all money received for Home Mission purposes. This is necessary to the intelligent conducting of our work.

With thanks to God for the prosperity of our work, we heartily commend it to your confidence and support. We earnestly request that you take time for the discussion of this important subject and send down to the Classes such instructions as will secure the results for which we alike labor.

Praying the great Head of the Church upon your deliberations, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of Board of Home Missions of General Synod.

Annual Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The actions, events and trials of the past year mark a distinct epoch in the history of our work in foreign lands. Such were the reasonable demands of both our missions for buildings, equipment and workers that the Board felt it a duty to grant them even in the face of its depressing debt. That we have all confidence in the judgment of our earnest missionaries, and an abiding faith in our constituency, is proven by the fact that the officers were willing to make themselves individually responsible for most of the loans in the banks. We have done what we did in the way of extensive building operations, and the strengthening of our working force, in the fear of God and with a passion for saving the lost. With the appeals for help constantly coming to us, we could not do otherwise.

INVESTMENT.

During the past three years about \$100,000, we believe, have been wisely and well spent for schools and hospital buildings. These buildings were a necessity for the proper conduct of our work. We could not have done less without placing in jeopardy all our past efforts and present results. The Board is a unit on this point. We now have the equipment, both in Japan and China, to accomplish a great work for the Master. The foundations have been laid for effective service. Our workers are ready to render a splendid account of their stewardship. There are still pressing needs in both missions that should be supplied if the work is to go hopefully forward, but we believe that the time has come for us to call a halt. Great as has been the interest in the home church, we regret to say that it has not kept pace with the work in the foreign field. The Board has not been able to maintain, or to expand the work as it ought to do, through lack of funds.

HALT.

Painful as our recent action must be to the Japan Mission, in declining to send four additional missionaries, and possibly hurtful to the cause, yet the Board is unanimous in its determination not to take on any new work, or to send out any additional men, until there is a sweeping reduction in its debt of \$60,000. We here and now lay the responsibility of providing for the removal of this incubus upon the Church, and plead with her representatives at all the Synods for some favorable and speedily operative action. Let it be understood that the Board has no desire to retard the progress of the work, nor to check the zeal of its ardent supporters but it sees the folly and unbusiness-like policy of going on by piling loan upon loan until the work will be hopelessly crippled. We are calling a halt because we cannot increase our loans, and with the strong hope that thereby we can advance the work so near to all our hearts.

REMEDY.

There is no reason why the work should suffer, or a few men bear the responsibility of a crushing debt, in the presence of the great prosperity which we enjoy under the divine favor. Our people have the money, and we believe they will give it when they are told the Lord hath need of it. The only thing to do with the debt is to pay it. This is possible by filling the treasury with special gifts from those who want to see the work advance all along the line. If we will set the machinery of the Church at work for the next six months, the debt will soon be a thing of the past.

NEEDS.

God is calling us to renew our efforts in behalf of His Kingdom in Japan and China. The call to duty was never louder, nor the need for advance greater, than in this day. We realize the fact that this is no time for hesitancy or retrenchment. If the latter must befall our work, the censure should not rest solely with the missionaries or the members of the Board. That our Church may prove true to its God-given mission, let her choose as a motto for 1907 the words of the dying Livingstone: "Take me anywhere, only forward," and faithfully practice it.

RESULTS.

Lest the brethren might form a wrong impression of our foreign work, or misjudge the temper of the Board, let us turn to a phase of the work which will cheer and encourage our hearts. Last year a strong effort was made to raise an Emergency Fund of \$50,000. (We were successful in receiving \$30,000). In this way, the receipts for the year ran up to \$80,474.29. Without any undue pressure during the past year, we have been able to gather \$80,999.66. There is no lack of interest in the work nor any falling off in our contributions. With the present deficit totally made up, it will be an easy matter for us to provide for the fixed expenses, which will annually aggregate about \$70,000. In addition to the regular apportionments, we have been cultivating a number of special givers among congregations and individuals, and we trust this class may increase all over the Church, for the benefit of all her Boards and Institutions.

WORKERS.

Two married and five single missionaries have recently been sent to the foreign field. To China: Rev. J. Frank Bucher and wife, Rev. Edwin A. Beck, Mr. Horace R. Lequear, Miss Anna C. Kanne, Miss Rose A. Spangler and Miss Carrie J. Dreibelbies. To Japan: Rev. Elmer H. Zaugg and wife. These additional workers should have been sent two years ago. They will only meet the most urgent needs in the work. We now have twelve married and six single missionaries in Japan; six married and eight single missionaries in China. Total, forty-six foreign workers.

BUILDINGS.

During the year the new dormitory for the North Japan College was completed, at an expense of \$5,250.81. The Hoy Memorial Hospital, the Frantz Dispensary and the Hoffman School Building at Yochow, China, are ready for occupancy. A low valuation of our Yochow properties would be \$20,000. The two hospitals for men and women, and the Girls' School

Building at Chenchow, have been paid with the Indemnity Fund. This station has been of little expense to the Church, and yet the Board holds a title to a property valued at about \$40,000. Our missionary, Dr. William Kelly, pleads with the Board to provide the \$3,000 necessary for the furnishing of the buildings.

VISITATION.

Last December Rev. James I. Good, D.D., President of the Board, made a tour around the world. He spent some time in China and Japan, with great profit to himself and our missions. Dr. Good speaks most favorably of the condition of the work, and of the hopeful outlook. He says, he had no idea that the mission property at Sendai was so large or so well suited for educational work. Dr. Schneder estimates the valuation of our property in Japan at \$175,000.

RESIGNATION.

The Board regrets to report the resignation of its able Field Secretary, Rev. A. V. Casselman. We feel that his withdrawal will be a loss to the work, but we rejoice in the assurance of his abiding interest in the great cause, and bespeak at his hand the further counsel and co-operation in the work as his time and strength may permit. In view of a number of missionaries home on furlough, whose services will be at the call of the Church, the Board has taken no steps to elect a successor to Mr. Casselman.

SPECIALS.

The Board appreciates the offer of the elders of the Pittsburgh Synod to raise \$1,500 for the erection of a home for Dr. William E. Hoy, at Yochow, as also the action of the Eastern Synod, in agreeing to raise the balance of \$3,000 due on the Boys' School Building Fund for Yochow.

One of the delightful experiences of the year was the raising of the Japanese Famine Fund of \$7,043.46 by our people. So far as we can learn, no other denomination gave more liberally. Whilst this may not have been a direct contribution to the work, yet it was like bread cast upon the waters that will return to us in ways that we know not of. The missionaries regard it as good seed sowing of the Gospel.

AFFLICTIONS.

About seven months ago, at the solicitation of several physicians, and the endorsement of the Japan Mission, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore came to America with the hope of restoring the broken health of Mrs. Moore, who was on the verge of a nervous collapse. We rejoice that she is now sufficiently strong to return with her husband early in October, and we bespeak for these our eldest missionaries, the sympa-

thies and prayers of the Church. God's hand of affliction was also laid on Dr. and Mrs. William Kelly, of Chenchow, in the loss of their dear baby. They mourn not as those who have not hope. The sympathies of our people are with them.

FURLOUGH.

Rev. David B. Schneder, D.D., President of the North Japan College, Sendai, is home on furlough. He expects to visit most of the Synods, and we most heartily commend him to the brethren. Dr. Schneder enjoys the esteem of the Japanese, as well as the confidence of his brethren at home. Such, in brief, is the report of our work for the past year.

SUGGESTIONS.

What can the Synods do to increase the missionary spirit among our people? If we may judge of the good results of our sister churches by their present methods, then two helpful ways of stimulating interest in our work of missions will be the Missionary Institute and the Mission Study Class. Our Board is anxious to introduce these helpful agencies more generally among our churches. The aim of the Missionary Institute is to study methods of work and to stimulate larger giving on the part of the people. These institutes should be held in centers where a group of churches can combine, and a number of workers enjoy their inspiring influence. The Mission Study Class should exist in every congregation. There is no better way of kindling a holy enthusiasm for world-wide missions than by studying the world-wide program of Christ. Missionary information is indispensable for proper giving. It helps a man to give from principle and in the right spirit. A knowing church is a growing church and a giving church.

COMMITTEE.

The Board is ready to inaugurate these Missionary Institutes and Mission Study Classes this winter, and we would, therefore, suggest the appointment of a special committee in each classis, consisting of a pastor, elder and Sunday-school superintendent, whose duty it shall be to assist in making the arrangements for such institutes and classes.

NEW BOOK.

The Board has on sale the charming book, entitled, "O Mura San." This is the story of the life and labors of one of our early converts, by Mrs. Anna M. Schneder, the wife of our missionary. Price, 50 cents. We herewith present a copy to the Synod.

REQUEST.

If the business of the Synod will allow it, we respectfully ask that an hour be set apart for the consideration of the

special claims of our foreign work, in the hope that we as a Board may receive the help and encouragement which we need at this time.

Very cordially yours,
 ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Secretary.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 12, 1906.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following papers were placed into our hands:

1. The report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

2. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

3. The report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

4. The annual statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

5. A copy of "O Mura San," by Mrs. D. B. Schneder, of Sendai, Japan.

6. A copy of "Our Mission Helper."

From the reports of the two Boards of Home Missions, we learn that the work of Home Missions throughout the Reformed Church, as well as within the bounds of this Synod, has, under the blessing of God, been successfully carried on during the past year. Of the one hundred and seventeen missions on the roll of General Synod's Board, twenty are within the bounds of this Synod. One new mission, the Third church, Hanover, Pa., was enrolled. Of the twenty Church Building Funds, contributed during the year, each of five hundred dollars, six have come from this Synod. Four of these, the J. Taylor Motter Fund, the Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman Fund, No. 3, the Zion's, Hagerstown Fund, and the Mercersburg College Fund, were given to General Synod's Board; and two, the Georgietta C. Peightel Fund and the Isaac N. Peightel Fund, to the Bi-Synodic Board.

We offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That we give thanks to the great Head of the Church for the blessings and the prosperity vouchsafed to our work of Home Missions during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That we urge upon our Classes the importance of accepting the full apportionment for Home Missions, and of challenging their several pastoral charges with the need of putting forth earnest effort to meet the apportionments in full.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend the observance of Home Missionary Day on the Second Sunday in November, and that all our congregations be urged to heed the request of General Synod's Board for a liberal offering on that day, over and above the apportionment, to be applied to the erection of a suitable church building for the Chicago mission.

4. *Resolved*, That the "Home Missionary Bulletin" be commended anew to all our Classes and congregations.

5. *Resolved*, That we again call the attention of Classes to the great helpfulness of Church Building Funds, and that we challenge individuals, families and church organizations to establish such funds.

6. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Synod and all the Treasurers of Classes within the bounds of this Synod, be directed to make monthly remittances of all money received for Home and Foreign Missionary purposes, and that the Classes be directed to enforce this resolution on their Treasurers.

From the annual statement of the Board of Foreign Missions we glean the following facts, which we commend to the consideration of Synod: During the past three years the Board has spent about \$100,000 for school and hospital buildings; the Board is at present struggling under a crushing debt of \$60,000; because of the debt, the Board has felt constrained to call a halt in its policy of expansion, resolving not to take up any new work nor to send out any additional men, until there shall be a sweeping reduction in its indebtedness; yet it feels that the call to duty was never louder, nor the need for advance greater; the income for the past year was \$80,999.66; if the present deficit were made up, the fixed charges of the Board could be met by an annual aggregate of about \$70,000; two married and five single missionaries were recently sent to the foreign field, making a total of forty-six missionaries in our two missions in Japan and China; during the year a new dormitory for the North Japan College was completed, at an expense of \$5,250.81; the Hoy Memorial Hospital, the Frantz Dispensary and the Hoffman School Building, at Yochow, China, are ready for occupancy; the valuation of our Yochow properties is \$20,000; those at Chenchow, \$40,000, and those at Sendai, \$175,000—a total of \$235,000; Rev. A. V. Casselman has resigned the office of Field Secretary, and the Board has taken no steps to elect a successor; Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Moore, who had returned to this country on account of the illness of Mrs. Moore, have again returned to their field of labor in Japan; Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelly were called to mourn the death of a dear child, and Dr. Kelly pleads with the Board for \$3,000 wherewith to furnish the buildings connected with the mission at Chenchow.

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We offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*. That we return thanks to Almighty God for the door of opportunity which He has opened to our Church in Japan and China, and for the splendid work which He has enabled our missionaries to do.

2. *Resolved*. That in view of the large debt in which the Board has become involved, we endorse its action in calling a halt on its policy of expansion, and we commend the wisdom of its resolution not to take up any new work or to send out additional men until it can effect a substantial reduction in its indebtedness.

3. *Resolved*. That, in view of the embarrassment caused by the debt and of the fact that a number of our missionaries are now at home on furlough, whose services have been placed at the call of the Church, we further commend the wisdom of the Board in refraining from electing a successor, at this time, to the Rev. A. V. Casselman as Field Secretary.

4. *Resolved*. That the appeal of the Board for the relief be heartily commended to our pastors and people, and that we especially recommend all our congregations to observe Foreign Missionary Day and to make earnest efforts, in connection with the same, to secure liberal contributions for this object, over and above the apportionment.

5. *Resolved*. That we recommend to our Classes the holding of Missionary Institutes, wherever practicable, and also the forming of Mission Study Classes in our several congregations; and we recommend the appointment by each Classis of a special committee for the purpose of making arrangements for the organization of such institutes and classes.

6. *Resolved*. That we extend to Dr. and Mrs. William Kelly our hearty sympathy in their late affliction; and we express the hope that the Board may find itself in a position to grant his plea for funds wherewith to secure necessary furnishings for the buildings at Chenchow.

With reference to our "Mission Helper," referred to us, we offer the following:

Resolved. That we commend this paper to all our missionary societies and, as the organ of the Woman's Missionary Society, especially to the favorable attention of the women in our congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,

J. HAMILTON SMITH,

PETER S. LEAH,

ALBERT F. NACE.

On Monday, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Recognizing the hand of God in the application of Rev. I. G. Boydston to become a missionary of our Church in our mission at Chenchowfu, China and realizing the present in-

ability of the Board of Foreign Missions to accept him on account of its indebtedness; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod, through its pastors and elders, will make the effort to raise his salary of \$1,200 for the first year, on condition that his appointment be approved by the Board.

Resolved, That this special donation shall not interfere either with the apportionments nor the liquidation of the debt of the Foreign Board.

At the election of members for the several Boards of Synod, Revs. N. H. Skyles and G. E. Limbert were elected members of the Board of Missions for four years, and Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., for three years.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The following persons constitute the Board of Missions, and the date of expiration of their terms of service, namely: Revs. N. H. Skyles, G. E. Limbert, 1910; H. H. Apple, T. J. Barkley, D.D., 1909; W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., L. E. Coblentz, 1908; F. A. Rupley, Jr., 1907.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and with the accompanying audit, found correct. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Chas. M. Wolff, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, submits the following report, which has been audited and approved by the Trustees, in accordance with the action of the Synod, and which is as follows:

SCHEDULE "A."

DR.		CR.
<i>Potomac Synod in Account With Zion's Classis.</i>		
To apportionment made:		By cash
Oct. 23, 1905:	Date.	or check.
General Synod Contingent. \$65 00	Oct. 2, '06. Paid in full..	\$65 00
Potomac Synod Contingent 100 00	Oct. 2, '06. Paid in full..	100 00
Theo. Sem. Aid Fund. 195 00	May 16, '06. Paid on acct.	108 49
	Balance due.	86 51
Science Hall Building Fund 110 98	May 16, '06. Paid on acct.	49 84
Arrearages in 1905.	Balance due.	61 14
Catawba College 95 00	Paid nothing on account.	
Arrearages 108 00	Balance due	203 00

Washington Memorial Church In-	May 16, '06. Paid on acct.	48 92
debtedness, \$72.14, in arrears,	Balance due.	23 22
due Synod.		

Potomac Synod, in account with Maryland Classis.

To apportionments made

General Synod Contingent.	\$ 90 00	Aug. 31, '06. Paid in full..	\$ 90 00
Potomac Synod Contingent	160 00	June 20, '06. Paid in full..	160 00
Catawba College	125 00	Aug. 31, '06. Paid on acct.	147 00
Arrearages	28 00	Balance due.	6 00
Theo. Seminary Aid Fund.	390 00	June 20, '06. Paid on acct.	540 27
Arrearages	360 00	Balance due.	209 73
Science Hall Bldg. Fund ..	243 00	June 20, '06. Paid on acct.	304 10
Arrearages,		Overpaid ...	61 10
Sept. 24, 1906. Received from Rev. J. W. Pontius, moneys due			
this fund in his hands, unexpended, on the Middletown Bank			
note \$66 58			

Potomac Synod, in account with Juniata Classis.

To apportionments made Oct. 23,
1905:

For General Synod Contin.	\$55 00	Aug. 13, '06. Paid in full..	\$ 55 00
Potomac Synod Contingent	115 00	Aug. 13, '06. Paid in full..	115 00
Catawba College	80 00	Dec. 29, '05. Paid on acct.	133 00
Arrearages	133 00	Oct. 11, '06. Paid in full..	80 00
Theo. Sem. Aid Fund.....	225 00	Aug. 13, '06. Paid on acct	1197 00
Arrearages	486 00	This Classis has overpaid	
		the sum of	486 00
	\$711 00		
Science Hall Bldg. Fund...	180 00	Dec. 29, '05. Paid on acct.	240 00
		This Classis has overpaid	
		the sum of	60 00
Harbor Missions, etc.....	250 00	Dec. 29, '05. Paid on acct.	186 00
		Balance due.	64 00

Potomac Synod, in account with North Carolina Classis.

To apportionments made:

For General Synod Contin..	\$30 00	Sept. 17, '06. Paid in full..	\$30 00
Potomac Synod Contingent	75 00	Sept. 17, '06. Paid in full..	75 00
Catawba College	55 00	Paid nothing on this account.	
Theo. Sem. Aid Fund.	115 00		
Arrearages	257 00	Sept. 17, '06. Paid on acct.	28 66
		Balance due.	373 34
	\$492 00		
Science Hall Building Fund \$50 00		Paid nothing on this acct.	
		Balance due	50 00

Potomac Synod, in account with Maryland Classis.

To apportionments made:

General Synod Contingent.	\$35 00	Sept. 14, '06. Paid in full..	\$35 00
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Potomac Synod Contingent	90 00	Sept. 14, '06. Paid in full..	90 00
Science Hall Bldg. Fund ..	133 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
		Balance due.....	133 00
Catawba College	60 00	Sept. 14, '06. Paid on acct.	98 00
Arrearages	133 00	Balance due.	95 00
Total	193 00		
Theo. Seminary Aid Fund.	125 00	May 10, '06. Paid on acct.	101 50
Arrearages	249 00	Balance due .	272 50
Total	\$374 00		
Harbor and Ger. Missions..	150 00	May 23, '06. Paid on acct.	94 97
		Balance due.	55 03
Washington Mem. Church		May 10, '06 Paid on acct.	9 50
Indebtedness	112 47	Balance, with	
In arrears.		int., due ..	108 12

Potomac Synod, in account with Virginia Classis.

To apportionment made:			
General Synod Contingent.	\$20 00	Sept. 12, '06. Paid in full..	\$20 00
Potomac Synod Contingent	65 00	Sept. 12, '06. Paid in full..	65 00
Catawba College	35 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Arrearages	48 00	Balance due.....	83 00
Total	\$83 00		
Theo. Seminary Aid Fund.	75 00		
Arrearages	300 00	Sept. 12, '06. Paid on acct.	225 00
		Balance due.	150 00
Total	\$375 00		
Science Hall Bldg. Fund...	60 00	May 10, '06. Paid in full..	60 00

Potomac Synod, in account with Carlisle Classis.

To apportionments made:			
General Synod Contingent.	\$25 00	Oct. 6, '06. Paid on acct.	\$ 16 00
		Balance due.	9 00
Potomac Synod Contingent	75 00	Oct. 6, '06. Paid on acct.	81 70
		This Classis	
		has overpaid.	6 70
Catawba College	50 00	May 14, '06. Paid on acct.	54 03
		This Classis	
		has overpaid	4 03
Theo. Seminary Aid Fund.	75 00	May 14, '06. Paid on acct.	180 00
Arrearages	171 00	Balance due.	66 00
Total	\$246 00		
Science Hall Bldg. Fund ..	39 83	May 23, '06. Paid on acct.	63 00
		This Classis	
		has overpaid	23 17
Harbor and Ger. Missions..	55 78	Dec. 30, '05. Paid on acct.	48 00
		Balance due.	7 78

Potomac Synod, in account with Gettysburg Classes.

To apportionment made Oct. 23,
1905:

General Synod Contingent .	\$70 00	Sept. 29, '06. Paid in full..	\$70 00
Potomac Synod Contingent	105 00	Sept. 29, '06. Paid in full..	105 00
Catawba College	95 00	May 16, '06. Paid on acct.	105 00
In arrears.....	108 00	Balance due .	98 00

Total\$203 00

Theo. Seminary Aid Fund .	250 00	May 17, '06. Paid on acct.	150 00
In arrears	146 00	Balance due.	246 00

Total\$396 00

Sept. 12, '06. Paid on acct.	85 00	Science Hall Bldg. Fund ..	190 00
Balance due.	105 00		

SCHEDULE "B."

DR.

CR.

The Treasurer of Potomac Synod, in account with General Synod Contingent Fund.

1906 Amount Apportioned in 1905, \$390.

To the sum total received
from the eight Classes...\$381 00
To balance in Treasurer's
hands, at last report.... 4 54

Total\$385 54

By cash paid out to W. R.
Barnhart, Esq., Treas... 200 00

In account with Catawba College.

Amount Apportioned in 1905, \$595.

To sum total received from
the eight Classes\$639 53
To balance in Treasurer's
hands 157 15

Total\$796 68

By cash paid to—
M. J. Rowe, Treasurer .. 617 95
Geo. A. Snyder, President 22 50

Total\$640 50

In account with Science Hall Building Fund.

Amount in Arrears in 1905, \$1,036.81.

To sum total received from
the eight Classes\$895 75

By cash paid out to
Rev. John W. Pontius, et
al., for principal on note, \$532 02
For int. accrued on note. 267 52

Total\$799 54

In account with Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

Amount Apportioned in 1905, \$1,450.

To sum total received from
all the Classes.....\$2683 00

By cash paid out
Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D.,
for printing addresses. 86 22
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer,
D.D., for house rent (2
years) 600 00
Mr. J. B. Roth, Treasurer
of Seminary Aid Fund, 1507 36

Total\$2193 58

In account with Harbor Missions and Germans.

Amount Apportioned in 1905, \$1,650.

To sum total received from	By cash paid out to—
all the Classes.....\$364 19	John J. Nissley, Treas.... 240 00

Potomac Synod Contingent Fund Account.

Amount Apportioned in 1905, \$785.

To sum total received from	By cash paid out to—
the eight Classes.....\$791 70	Publication Board, of
In treasurer's hands in for-	Philadelphia, for print-
mer year..... 450 97	ing Minutes of 1905....\$228 15
Total .....\$1242 67	
	Rev. E. R. Dietrick, Stat-
	ed Clerk, salary, post-
	age, etc. 118 33
	Rev. F. L. Kerr, for use of
	Newport church..... 25 00
	Rev. Miles O. Noll, ex-
	penses to Lancaster, Pa 7 00
	Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D.,
	expenses to Newton, N.
	C., for Bd. of Trustees. 38 12
	Rev. J. David Miller, et
	al., expenses of Board
	of Education 16 07
	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.,
	et al., expenses of Bd.
	of Vis. 15 20
	C. C. Bieser, Treas.,
	State Taxes..... 4 10
	Rev. John W. Pontius, et
	al., expenses of Trustees 12 50
	Jacob H. Cost, Hagers-
	town, Md., expenses for
	Trustee to Seminary.. 13 04
	Metzgar and Shetter,
	Treasurer's Bond of In-
	demnity 25 00
	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer's
	Salary, postage and
	stat'ry 108 75
	John Hertzler, Treas., int.
	on Brechbill legacy... 10 00
	Rev. J. W. Pontius, Treas.
	bal. due on Washington
	Memorial church debt. 137 57
	Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D.,
	special meeting Board
	of Visitors..... 2 50
	Total .....\$761 33

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. WOLFF,
Treasurer Potomac Synod.

October 12, 1906.

We the undersigned committee, certify that we have audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct; the receipts for all purposes being \$6,367.83, and the disbursements, \$4,945.83; leaving a balance of \$1,422.00 in the hands of the Treasurer.

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. STEWART HARTMAN,
D. E. WINEBRENNER, SR.

HANOVER, PA., October 12, 1906.

The Treasurer calls the attention of Synod to arrearages of the different Classes, as appears in his report. Especially as these arrearages apply to balance on Washington Memorial Church, due from the Classes of Mercersburg and Zion, Science Hall Indebtedness and the Catawba College Indebtedness.

The Treasurer calls attention to these items since Synod is paying interest on same at five per cent. per annum.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be, and are herewith extended to Hon. John W. Wetzel, of Carlisle, Pa., for his professional services rendered to this Synod gratuitously in behalf of the Brechbill legacy, whereby the interest thereon has been reduced to five per cent. per annum.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday evening, which was read and then adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Finance would present the following report:

There were referred to us the Treasurer's Report for information and the following amounts for apportionment upon the several Classes, viz: Potomac Synod Contingent, \$950; Home Missions, \$15,550; Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, \$1,650; Foreign Missions, \$10,675; Church Building, \$3,070; Beneficiary Education, \$2,500; Theological Seminary, \$2,500; Science Building, \$1,500.

That the obligations of Synod may be met more promptly, we would offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes be called to the importance of the Classical Treasurers promptly forwarding moneys due the Treasurer of Synod.

Apportionments.

CLASSES	Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.	Home Missions.	Hungarian, Har- bor and Bohemian Mis- sions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Science Building.	Catawba College.	
Zion's	\$130	\$2200	\$220	\$1400	\$440	\$265	\$335	\$205	\$95	\$5290
Maryland	250	4150	415	2900	785	570	620	385	125	10200
Mercersburg	80	1500	150	950	310	265	225	130	60	3670
Virginia	60	850	100	625	200	120	170	95	35	2255
North Carolina	95	1025	140	675	250	160	250	150	55	2800
Gettysburg	135	2450	275	1750	355	480	360	220	95	6120
Carlisle	55	1075	100	750	220	160	165	85	50	2660
Juniata	145	2300	250	1625	510	480	375	230	80	5995
	\$950	15550	1650	10775	3070	2500	2500	1500	595	38990

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN K. HAY, *Chairman*,
 F. L. KERR, R. F. THOMAS,
 C. S. SLAGLE, E. D. RAUCH.

Report of the Committee on Arrearages.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee, appointed to tabulate arrearages on Washington Memorial church, Science Hall indebtedness and Catawba College indebtedness, respectfully report the following arrearages:

On Washington Memorial church:

From Mercersburg Classis	\$108 12
From Zion Classis	23 22
Total	\$131 34

On Science Hall arrearages, the following Classes are still in arrears, viz:

Gettysburg Classis	\$105 00
Mercersburg Classis	133 00
North Carolina Classis	80 00
Zion's Classis	61 14
Total	\$379 14

On Catawba College arrearages, the following Classes are still in arrears, viz:

Zion's Classis	\$203 00
Maryland Classis	6 00
North Carolina Classis	80 00

Mercesburg Classis	95 00
Virginia Classis	88 00
Gettysburg Classis	98 00

Total	\$565 00
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Carlisle Classis has overpaid \$4.03 on Catawba College ap-
portionment.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
MELVIN A. E. BISER,
CHAS. M. WOLFF.

Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Since the last annual meeting of Synod, your Board held three meetings. The first was held at Hanover, Pa., on the second day of January, 1906. At this meeting the Board organized by electing the following officers, to wit:

The Rev. John W. Pontius, Middletown, Md., *President*.

The Rev. T. J. Barkley, Gettysburg, Pa., *Vice-President* and *Secretary*.

Charles M. Wolff, Esq., Hanover, Pa., who is the Treasurer of Synod, is also *Treasurer* of the Board.

At this meeting the Treasurer was authorized and instructed to borrow from the Contingent Fund of Synod the amount needed to lift the Washington Memorial Church note, in the Middletown, Md., bank.

The Treasurer was instructed to give a bond of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), secured in the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, of Baltimore, Md., and said bond, when received and approved by the President and Secretary of the Board, was ordered to be placed in the custody of the President.

The second meeting of the Board was held in Hanover, Pa., September 12, 1906. The special purpose of this meeting was to transfer the loan for the Science Building, at Lancaster, Pa., from the Middletown, Md., bank to the People's Bank, of Hanover, Pa. In accordance with this purpose, the President was authorized and directed to issue a promissory note, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, bearing the corporate seal of Synod, for the sum of four thousand and two hundred dollars (\$4,200), for four months, at five per cent. interest from date, payable at the People's Bank of Hanover, Pa.; the said note to be a legal obligation of the Board and of the Synod.

The annual meeting was held at Hanover, Pa., October 12, 1906. At this meeting the President presented his final financial statement, a summary of which is here given, to wit:

Total receipts, \$1,222.26; total expenditures, \$1,156.09; balance, \$66.57. This balance has been paid, by check, to the Treasurer of Synod and the account in the Middletown, Md., Bank closed.

The Treasurer reported that he had secured the loan of four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200), in accordance with the action of the Board at the special meeting in September, and also that he had paid out of the Contingent Fund of Synod one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$137.57) due on the Washington Memorial church fund, and had taken up the note in the Middletown, Md., Bank.

The Treasurer reported that his bond had been executed and approved as directed. The President reported that the charter had been amended in accordance with the action of Synod, and he was instructed to secure a copy for the use of the Board.

At this meeting the Board audited the Seminary Endowment Securities in the hands of the Treasurer, and found them well invested and bearing a good rate of interest, the average being four and a half per cent.

There are in the custody of the Treasurer notes, bonds and mortgages aggregating thirty-five thousand, two hundred and forty-two dollars and twenty-three cents (\$35,242.23), including the George N. Forney legacy of six hundred and ninety-four dollars and nineteen cents (\$694.19), which leaves a net gain from the securities of the previous fund of four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and four cents (\$437.04). The Fellowship Fund, well invested, with accrued interest, amounts to two thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-two cents (\$2,120.92).

The Board respectfully calls the attention of Synod to the following points, to wit:

1. That at the last annual meeting Synod failed to provide for the interest on the Science Hall indebtedness, and for the payment of any part of the principal. Therefore, an appropriation of five hundred dollars should be made, for interest for 1906 and 1907, and for one thousand dollars to be paid on the principal.

2. That provision should be made at this meeting for the payment of the amount borrowed from the Contingent Fund of Synod to pay the indebtedness on the Washington Memorial church

3. That the term of office of D. E. Winebrenner, Sr., expires at this meeting. The Board recommends his election for the full term of five years, and also the election of Charles M. Wolff, Esq., as Treasurer of Synod.

4. That the Board has appointed the Revs. J. Stewart Hartman and T. J. Barkley, the Auditing Committee for the ensuing Synodical year.

5. That in response to the action of Synod at the last annual meeting, the Treasurer of Catawba College forwarded the following schedule of the investments of the funds furnished by Synod for the endowment of said institutions:

Amount raised by Rev. J. C. Leonard and Geo. A. Snyder, agents:

Received from Rev. J. C. Leonard.....	\$2,652 67
Received from Rev. Geo. A. Snyder	4,333 15

\$6,985 82

Investments:

Newton Bonds, six per cent.	\$500 00
Union Cotton Mills, Maiden, N. C., personal surety, six per cent.....	2,152 67
Ivy Mills, Hickory, N. C., personal surety, six per cent.....	1,650 00
Trustees Baptist Church, First Mortgage, six per cent.	560 00
Setzer and Hoffman, Newton, N. C., first mort- gage, six per cent.	500 00
Charles Josey, Maiden, N. C., first mortgage, six per cent.	450 00
J. M. Ballard, Newton, N. C., first mortgage, six per cent.	600 00
J. J. Paseur, Maiden, N. C., first mortgage, six per cent.	550 00

\$6,982 67

Amount not invested at this date..... 23 15

\$6,985 82

The present policy of the trustees is to invest on first mortgages, at not more than two-third value.

In addition to the above, the college holds a note against Gen. John E. Roller, for \$500.00, at six per cent. This note is to be redeemed within a reasonable time.

Very truly,

M. J. ROWE, *Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

GETTYSBURG, PA., *October 15, 1906.*

David E. Winebrenner, Sr., was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years, from January 1, 1907.

*Members of the Board of Trustees and term of Service.—*David E. Winebrenner, Sr., to January 1, 1912; Rev. J. W. Pontius, January 1, 1911; Elder J. D. Zehring, January 1, 1910; Elder C. M. Wolff, January 1, 1909; Rev. J. S. Hartman, January 1, 1908.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

**Report of the Sunday-School Board of the Reformed Church to the
District Synods.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It is pleasant to report a year of prosperity in the general Sunday-school work.

THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

This department is under the direct supervision of the Secretary of the Board and an Executive Committee, which meets monthly.

Regular financial statements are made to this Committee, and the funds of the Board are paid out by check, signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Chief Clerk.

The annual Balance Sheet of the Periodical, Sunday-School Supply and Book Departments, including gross sales, gross gains, net gains, assets and liabilities, is prepared by a certified accountant, who reports directly to the Board.

From his statement of assets and liabilities for the year ending March 31, 1906, the following exhibit is given:

Assets.

Cash on hand and in banks.....	\$6,179 56	
Inventory.		
Sunday-School Supply and Book Department		
(cost)	\$12,453 40	
Less ten per cent.....	1,245 34	
		11,208 06
Paper on hand for Periodical Department.....		1,260 21
Cuts, Electros and Plates, one-third charged off every year..		1,240 35
Accounts receivable.....		12,989 44
Investments		957 18
Cost of Furniture and Fixtures up to last year....	\$2,194 79	
Same charged off, purchased during the year		84 80
Appropriated to purchase of the Reformed Church Building		2,969 76
		<hr/>
		\$36,889 36

Liabilities.

Capital one year ago	\$28,461	36
Periodicals paid for in advance.....	3,538	59
Due on Royalties to Ministerial Relief Society, etc.	73	70
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		\$32,073 65

Net gain from April 11, 1905, to March 31, 1906..... \$4,815 71

The sales for the year were \$65,821.19, a healthy growth over the sales of the preceding year.

The fifth edition of the Sunday-School Hymnal—15,000 copies—was published last year making a total issue of 115,000 copies, and the third edition of the Primary Sunday-School Hymnal—10,000 copies—was also published, making a total of 30,000 to date.

OUR PERIODICALS.

There is a steady gain in the circulation of our Reformed Church periodicals. This is particularly true of the Heidelberg Teacher, the Home Department Quarterly and the Junior Scholars' Quarterly.

REFORMED CHURCH BUILDING.

Your reverend body is aware that this Board, as well as the other Boards of the Church, occupy rented quarters. The growth in property values and the growing requirements of the Business Department have compelled the Board to pay a constantly increasing rental.

For the sake of economy, permanency of quarters and the increased efficiency of the work, as well as in the hope that the Church could secure a building for the use of all its Boards, the Sunday-School Board, during the last year, held conferences with the other Boards of the Church on the subject of the erection of a Reformed Church Building in Philadelphia.

Legal difficulties prevented the formation of a holding corporation for the building, but there was a favorable feeling and a recognition of the advantages of such a building for the denomination. The Sunday-School Board, therefore, purchased a suitable site.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the erection of a five-story fire-proof building.

The building project is going forward under the direction of an Advisory and Building Committee, composed of representative business men of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia and vicinity, of which Mr. James M. Landis, Christ church, Philadelphia, is chairman, and Mr. Christian G. Gross, Emanuel Reformed church, Philadelphia, is treasurer.

Efforts have been made to secure funds for the erection of this building with some degree of success. It is hoped to erect the building within a year.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL
AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT—J. H. BOMBERGER,
TREASURER.**

Dr.

1906.	
Apr. 1.	Balance brought forward..... \$315 97
Mch. 31.	To cash received to date, inclusive, viz:
	Offerings of Sunday-schools \$2,939 71
	Interest from Dr. Jacob S. Fry Fund 155 52
	From Hungarian "Evangel" 53 00
	From Presby. Bd., use of hmyns .. 36 67
	<hr/> 3,184 90
	<hr/> \$3,503 87

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1906.	
Mch. 31.	Balance carried forward to new account..... \$341 69
	Cash expended, grants of literature, cost of Children's Day Services, Educational Work and part expense of Board Meetings \$1,254 54
	S. S. Missionaries' Salaries (3 men) .. 840 00
	On account "Hungarian Evangel" ... 263 46
	General Secretary's Salary (Propor'n) 600 00
	Office Assistant's Salary 173 08
	Treasurer's Salary..... 25 00
	Treasurer's Office Expenses (printing, stationery and postage) 6 10
	<hr/> 3,162 18
	<hr/> \$3,503 87

The Board records with gratitude the receipt of the bequest of the Dr. Jacob S. Fry Sunday-School Fund of \$5,630, the income of which is to be used for Sunday-school, Missionary, and Educational work. There has also been received \$100 in the form of an Annuity Bond from a devoted lady member of the Reformed Church. Announcement is also made of the Linda S. Kaub Sunday-School Fund, amounting from \$7,500 to \$8,500, the income of which during life is to be given to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kaub, and after their death, the income to be devoted to educational and Sunday-School Missionary work. The thanks of the Church are due to these liberal donors.

In connection with the project of the erection of the Reformed Church Building, forty Reformed Sunday-schools have pledged a Sunday-School Fund of \$100 or more, the principal to be invested in the building, and the income to be used for Sunday-school and Missionary work. These pledges are payable within three years.

This endowment to the general Sunday-school work comes at an opportune time, for larger responsibility than ever rests upon this department of the Board's work.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXTENSION.

In addition to the support that has been given to the permanent Sunday-School Missionary and the work of several theological students during the past year, the Board has constantly increasing calls to aid weak and destitute schools and to assist in starting new ones, by grants of literature, Fifty-six schools were thus helped the last year, representing an enrollment of 5,000.

A genuinely patriotic and praiseworthy work is the help rendered in the publication of Hungarian Lesson Helps and Sunday-School Literature. The tide of immigration increases whilst its quality deteriorates. Last year brought more than 1,000,000 foreigners to our shores, of whom at least 100,000 were Hungarians. Here is foundation work for the Sunday-School Board, for the colporteurs, Christian literature, and the Sunday-school can reach these foreigners and their children in the most effective manner. When we think of the children of these new-comers, and the vast number of other children growing up in spiritual darkness; when we recall the fact that our Sunday-school membership, as reported, is about 235,000—considerably below the church membership—we feel that renewed efforts should be made throughout the entire Church to increase the Sunday-school membership and to support this all-important work.

MISSIONS IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL:

It is well for your reverend body to note that at the present time there is a marked movement in the Sunday-schools of the land, with reference to the training of scholars in missions. It is generally felt that the curriculum of our Sunday-schools should add to the study of the Bible, more definite study of the world's need and personal obligation. If we are to eradicate the selfishness of the human heart, we ought to establish in the child habits of benevolence. Giving in the Sunday-school must be recognized as an act of worship. At least once a quarter there should be mission study in the Sunday-school.

Ought not the effort be made to have every Sunday-school organized as a Missionary Society? Missionary books should be added to the Sunday-school library. Either in the Sunday-school or through the Young People's Society, a Mission Study Class should be formed.

Your Board is planning an educational missionary campaign in every Synod of the Church, and we earnestly hope that your reverend body will instruct its Sunday-School Board or Committee and the several Classes to emphasize Missions in the Sunday-school.

THE ADULT CLASS.

Another special movement is that of the organized Adult Class in the Sunday-school. The value of a definite organization of a Bible Class is that it places responsibility upon the members for the growth and work of the class. If there is a weak spot in our Reformed Sunday-school system it is the absence of father and mother, and of the older people, from the Sunday-school.

We trust your body will take appropriate action with reference to this important subject. More than one of our schools has discovered that the Brotherhood Bible Class of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip is an effective factor in reaching and holding men in the Sunday-school.

Attention is called to the fact that Volume Two of the Heidelberg Teacher Training Course was issued during the last year. This second volume contains valuable material relating to the work and missionary operations of our Reformed Church. It should lead to the organization of numerous teacher training classes the coming year.

Will not your reverend body earnestly request the hearty support and co-operation, through the Classes, of every Sunday-school of our Church, not only in the use of the Board's literature and the patronage of its Business Department, as well as the support of its educational and missionary work, but also in co-operation with the Classical Committee on Sunday-school work, and the Synodical Sunday-School Board? More than ever the vision of Jesus and the child in the midst should be made a reality to all who have the opportunity and the responsibility for the right rearing and training of the rising generation.

Praying the blessing of the great Head of the Church upon the work that has been done, and that you may be guided by His Spirit to the right conclusions and the proper action, this report is respectfully submitted.

C. CLEVER, *President*.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary*.

September 22, 1906.

Report of the Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sundays presented the following report. It was received, read, and adopted.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

To your committee have been referred for consideration the Classisal Statistical Reports of Sunday-Schools and a copy of the report of the Sunday-School Board of General Synod

to the district Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States. This report abounds in interesting, helpful and encouraging facts.

In the Business Department, we note that there is a net gain from April 11, 1905, to March 31, 1906, of \$4,815.71; that in the sales of books and supplies there has been a healthy growth; that the large sales of the Primary and Sunday-School Hymnals continue; that there is a steady gain in the use of Reformed Church Periodicals.

Your committee notes also that the Reformed Church Building project is being pushed forward with vigor. Your committee believes that the erection of such a building would be a good thing for our Church.

It is gratifying to note the various bequests, large and small, received by the Board during the past year. These bequests indicate not only a manifest and growing interest on the part of our people in the work of the Board, but what is perhaps of more importance, an ever-growing spirit of liberality and larger giving.

Attention is called to the Sunday-school extension work and the work of planting Sunday-school missions in connection with which is urged the systematic study of the subject of missions.

Your committee calls attention finally to a recommendation that Adult Bible Classes be organized in our schools, to the issue of volume two of the Heidelberg Teacher Training Class, and to the request that through Classes the Board receive the hearty support of all Sunday-schools in carrying forward our growing interests.

In view of the incompleteness of the statistical reports and the recommendations and requests of the Board and the great importance of improved Sunday-school methods and work, your committee recommends the following:

Resolved, 1. That inasmuch as our statistics are incomplete, with no reports from Zion's Classis, therefore, Synod urges upon Classes the importance of complete statistics.

Resolved, 2. That Synod rejoices in the splendid work being done by the Sunday-School Department of our Church under the direction of General Synod's Board, and urges upon our schools, through Classes, that they give their hearty support and co-operation in the use of our Sunday-school literature, their patronage to the Business Department, their support to the educational and missionary work and co-operate with the Classical Committee on Sunday-School Work and the Synodical Board.

Resolved, 3. That Synod call the attention of Sunday-schools, through Classes, to the importance of the proposed

Reformed Church Building, in Philadelphia, and urge that they give the project their moral and financial support.

Resolved, 4. That Synod, through Classes, recommend that, wherever practicable, adult Bible classes be organized.

Resolved, 5. That Synod recognizes the importance of the trained teacher in the Sunday-school and that the Teacher Training Class is an effective means to that end, and, therefore, urges upon schools, through Classes, the organization of such Classes wherever practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. MASTER, *Chairman*,

JOHN D. HICKS,
E. A. RICE,

JAMES M. MULLAN,
JOHN GASSMAN.

Statistical Report of Sunday-Schools.

CLASSES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Home Department.	Scholars in Full Membership of the Church.	Scholars Baptized, not Confirmed.	Scholars Recd. During Year Into Full Membership.	Number Books in Library.	Contributions to General Work of Sunday-School Board.	Contributions to Other Church Boards and Institutions.	Contributions to Other Benevolent Objects.	Contributions to Support of Schools.
Gettysburg	465	3582	24	910	2852	160	1225	\$117 00	\$1027 00	\$227 00	\$1461 00
North Carolina . . .	454	5226	193	1549	3679	174	894	38 00	74 00	624 00	966 00
Maryland	1144	8281	408	2035	6248	217	7454	230 91	1266 91	854 63	4122 34
Juniata	642	4804	128	2138	2666	176	2740	169 00	1060 00	608 00	2490 00
Carlisle	312	2073	194	1264	909	92	1242	84 00	433 00	541 00	1169 00
Mercersburg	398	2788	144	927	1861	129	2512	74 00	613 00	406 00	1458 00
Virginia	316	1985		557	337	61	1856	82 00	480 00	116 00	741 00
Zion's*											
	3731	28719	1091	9380	18248	1009	18023	\$774 91	\$4953 91	3376 63	12427 34

* No Statistics.

Report of the Sunday-School Board of the Synod of the Potomac.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Sunday-School Board met in the lecture room of Zion Reformed church, Chambersburg, Pa., Monday, October 22d, at 8:30 a. m. An organization was effected by the election of Rev. F. L. Kerr as President and Rev. P. A. DeLong as Secretary.

After a discussion of ways and methods for increasing the membership and augmenting the efficiency of the Sunday-schools of the Synod, the following plan of work was adopted for recommendation to the Synod: (a) Ten per cent. increase

in membership of the various schools of the Synod; (b) fifteen per cent. increase in missionary giving; (c) the addition of ten books on missions to the library. It was further agreed that the time for such a campaign shall extend from November 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907, and that all schools meeting the requirements specified above shall be presented with a certificate of recognition by the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.

As a Board of your Synod, we feel that there is room for improvement in this great work of the Church, and it is with this conviction resting upon us as a burden that we call upon this Synod to do more than ever before for this most important interest.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. F. L. KERR, *President*.

REV. P. A. DELONG, *Secretary*.

Rev. Atvill Conner was duly elected a member of the Sunday-School Board for five years

Members of the Sunday-School Board and date of expiration of term of service.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, 1907; Rev. P. A. DeLong, 1908; Rev. F. L. Kerr, 1909; Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, 1910; Rev. Atville Conner 1911.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In the report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes, it is stated that all the Classes approved the new Constitution.

Nothing additional occurring under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Acts and Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Sessions of the Synod were published in pamphlet form by the former Stated Clerk, Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., as instructed, and distributed by him according to the rules and regulations of Synod.

Report of the Board of Publication.

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Publication herewith submits to your Reverend Bodies its annual report. The regular

meetings of the Board are held on the first Wednesday in March and the first Wednesday in September, at the Publication Rooms, in Philadelphia. At the former meeting, an Auditing Committee is appointed, which, at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, examines the books and accounts of the Business Manager and audits his annual statement. The statement for the past year, as approved by the auditors, is as follows:

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Cash	\$3,127 09	
Accounts receivable—Book Department.....	2,851 11	
Accounts receivable—Advertising Department...	1,000 40	
Merchandise—Book Department	11,743 87	
Merchandise—"Messenger"	516 52	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,248 57	
Rent paid in advance.....	250 00	
"Messenger"—Subscriptions due.....	2,783 57	
"Review"—Subscriptions due	355 50	
		<u>\$23,876 63</u>

LIABILITIES.

"Messenger"—Subscriptions paid in advance....	\$4,316 08	
"Review"—Subscriptions paid in advance	237 00	
Capital June 30, 1906.....	19,323 55	
		<u>\$23,876 63</u>

LOSSES AND GAINS.

	BOOK DEPARTMENT.	LOSS.	GAIN.
Inventory, July 1, 1906.....	\$11,743 87		
Credits for year	21,975 86		
	<u>\$33,719 73</u>		
Inventory for July 1, 1905...	\$5,603 10		
Debits for the year.....	23,864 47		
	<u>\$29,467 57</u>		
Royalty from S. S. Board..			\$4,252 16
Interest on investments ...			750 05
			8 70

MESSENGER.

Inventory July 1, 1905.....	\$439 17	
Debits for year	14,687 87	
	<u>\$15,127 04</u>	
Inventory July 1, 1906.....	\$516 52	
Credits for year.....	11,861 30	
	<u>\$12,377 82</u>	
		\$2,749 22
Subscriptions paid in advance	\$ 4,316 08	
Subscriptions due	2,783 57	
	<u>1,532 51</u>	

REVIEW.

Credits for the year.....	\$788 00	
Debits for the year.....	774 73	
	<u>13 27</u>	
Subscriptions due	\$355 50	
Subscriptions paid in advance	237 00	
	<u>118 50</u>	

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

Inventory July 1, 1905.....	\$1,268 32		
Debits for year	97 50		
		\$1,365 82	
Inventory July 1, 1906.....		1,298 57	
			67 25
Expenses Board meeting and printing reports....		52 45	
Net gain		741 25	
			\$5,142 68 \$5,142 68

Rev. A. S. Bromer, the Business Manager, in his last report to the Board, makes the following statement:

"During the year we have conducted the business on a basis of strictest economy, cutting down expenses wherever this was possible, without impairing the volume of business. An examination of our books will reveal the fact that the larger profits have not been realized through a material increase in business, but mainly through economy and the sales of the new Hymnal.

"*The Messenger* shows a decrease in the losses, and you will no doubt be pleased to report this to the Synods. The more favorable showing is, however, not due to the \$1.75 subscription alone, but to the reduction in expenses in conducting *The Messenger*. By the arrangement made with the Religious Press Association, we are enabled to dispense with the services of one clerk, who was receiving \$15.00 per week, and also relieved of the necessity of maintaining costly business relations with advertising agencies."

The change of price caused some falling off in the list of subscribers to *The Messenger*; and there will no doubt be other discontinuances for the same reason, but these will be balanced by new subscriptions taken. By instruction of the Board, we make an appeal to the Synods for an increased circulation of *The Messenger*, not only for the purpose of reducing the loss sustained in its publication, but more especially also for the purpose of enlarging its usefulness in the Church. The end to be accomplished by a church paper, as we understand it, is to produce religious and ecclesiastical intelligence among the people. For this purpose a good paper is needed. In our opinion, *The Messenger* is the kind of a paper that is required in our Church. Its style and standard compares very favorably with papers of its class. But in order to accomplish its purpose, it must be generally circulated and read. The pastors of the Synods no doubt are aware of the great help the religious family paper of their Church is to them in every department of their work. The Board of Publication, with its business department, does not exist for the sake of itself; the end it is to subserve is found in the good it accomplishes in the general life and activity of

the Church. It cannot, however, accomplish its end unless its business departments be faithfully and loyally patronized and its publications circulated and read. We appeal to the Synods, therefore, that they exert themselves effectually for the attainment of these results.

In our report to your Reverend Bodies a year ago, we gave the action of our Board in the matter of securing a Reformed Church Building in the city of Philadelphia. At our meeting on March 7, 1906, Hon. W. Rush Gillan resigned his position as a member of the proposed new corporation. Our Board adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the Publication Board does not deem it advisable that the project of securing a Reformed Church Building should be prosecuted any further until a larger sum of money be secured for said purpose; and further, that we as a Board protest against the raising of moneys for the said Building and arranging that these moneys shall be owned and controlled by the Sunday-School Board or any one of the other Boards of the Church, and that, consequently, we decline to have anything further to do with this enterprise until the above points shall be adjusted satisfactorily to all the Boards interested.”

The above action was transmitted to the Sunday-School Board, and the reply was received that the Sunday-School Board had determined to undertake the enterprise itself. The foregoing facts are stated in order to explain to the Synods the attitude of their Publication Board towards the proposed Church Building.

The terms of office of James T. Reber, H. M. Housekeeper and W. Rush Gillan will expire December 31, 1906. It will be incumbent upon the Synods severally represented by these gentlemen to fill the vacancies thus occasioned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

A. E. TRUXAL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented its report during the sessions of Saturday morning. It was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Publications begs leave to report as follows:

The only document that came into our hands was the report of the Board of Publication. We have examined the same and learn therefrom:

1st. That the interests of the Board have been carefully and judiciously managed and resulted in a net gain in the year's business of \$741.25.

2. That the subscription price of the "Messenger" has been restored to \$1.75 per year, and thereby a gain of \$1,000 is placed to its credit over last year, but that its publication has still been at a loss of over \$2,700 for the year.

3. That the "Reformed Church Review" has become self-supporting, with a small balance in its favor; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we express our appreciation and commendation of the management of our publication interests.

Resolved, 2. That we commend the "Messenger" for its general good character and its inspiring and able editorials, and we urge that, through the Classes, pastors and consistories be instructed to co-operate with the Board in increasing its circulation so as to bring it at least to self-support in the near future.

Resolved, 3. That we commend to our pastors and people the "Reformed Church Review," as a periodical that deserves a wide circulation and would be greatly helpful to the Church.

Resolved, 4. That we urge the Classes to instruct our people to a loyal support of our Publication interests, both in the Book Department and the circulation of the "Messenger" and "Review."

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,

W. B. DUTTERA,




MELVIN A. E. BISER,

GEORGE E. LIMBERT,

D. N. FAUST.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand and five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them. 1-4

The Stated Clerk was also directed to have 50,000 copies of the addresses delivered on Thursday evening by Hon. Judge W. Rush Gillan and Prof. G. W. Richards, D.D., relative to the subject of Education and to have same distributed to the Classes for the members of the churches.

Elder G. A. Wood was duly elected a member of the Board of Publication for two years.   

Members of the Board of Publication and dates of expiration of terms of service.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, 1907; G. A. Wood, 1908.

ARTICLE XXI.

| MISCELLANEOUS.

Nominations.

During the session of Saturday the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of Synod. The election was made the order of the day for Monday immediately after the noon recess. At the time designated, the election was held. Revs. S. T. Wagner, H. W. Wissler, and Elders W. A. Pence and R. F. Thomas acted as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home, Sunday-school Board and Publication Board.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations herewith present the following names as candidates for the vacancies referred to us on the several Boards of Synod, namely:

Board of Education—Three to be chosen for three years.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., J. David Miller, J. W. Pontius, F. L. Kerr, F. F. Bahner, D.D., C. Clever, D.D.

Board of Regents, Mercersburg College—Three to be chosen for three years.—Revs. I. N. Peightel, E. J. Bonebrake, Esq., John Gassman, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., W. J. Zacharias, Esq., Jonas Kieffer. One for two years—Hon. J. W. Wetzel, Rev. E. O. Keene.

Board of Woman's College—For five years—S. J. Hoffman, M. D., Geo. F. Eamich.

Board of Visitors, Theological Seminary—For four years—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., J. S. Hartman, E. L. McLean.

Trustees of Theological Seminary—For six years—Chas. M. Wolff, Esq., J. B. Shulenberger, H. T. Weaver, C. P. Gettier, M.D.

Trustees of Synod—For five years—D. E. Winebrenner, John Fitz.

Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions—Two for four years—Revs. N. H. Skyles, E. Bruce Lyttle, J. David Miller, G. E. Limbert. One for three years—T. J. Barkley, D.D., E. S. Hay.

Sunday-School Board—One for five years—Revs. A. Conner, C. S. Slagle.

Deaconess Home—Two for four years—Rev. J. S. Hartman, Peter C. Wiest, Esq., Revs. E. E. Embhoff, B. B. Royer. One for three years—Revs. R. L. Bair, Chas. E. Myers. One for two years, Rev. H. J. Hillegas, M. W. Bahn.

Board of Publication—G. A. Wood, M. A. Foltz. One for two years.

Catawba College Board—Six for three years—Revs. C. B. Heller, T. J. Hacker, D.D., M. J. Rowe, J. C. Leonard, G. H. Geitner, J. Z. Hedrick, J. D. Andrews, W. H. Caurey, D. E. Bowers, W. B. Duttera, M. A. Foil, M.D., J. A. Hoffheins.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS,

T. J. BARKLEY.

D. E. BOWERS.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The reports from the several Orphans' Homes referred to your committee indicate marked prosperity and the signal manifestation of Divine favor. The health of all the orphans has been good.

In the two Orphan Homes there are forty-one children from within the bounds of the Potomac Synod, of these, twenty-five are in St. Paul's, Butler, Pa., and sixteen in Bethany, Womelsdorf, Pa.

Bethany Orphans' Home has been filled almost the entire year, the capacity of the home being limited to one hundred and thirty-five children. The gratifying offering of more than \$10,000 was contributed by the Church at Christmastide to this home. The home has received most generous support from the Church, so that all of Bethany's needs have been promptly met. Important improvements in buildings have been made, and the foundation is completed for a new building, to accommodate twenty little boys and girls. By this means, the children of the home can be classified. It is hoped to have this building ready for occupancy next summer. This additional building will necessitate a larger income, which is confidently looked for by the Board of Managers.

St. Paul's, Butler, Pa., reports the home taxed to well nigh its utmost capacity. The receipts for the support of the home have been gratifying but not sufficient to relieve the Superintendent from anxiety. This home, with farm containing forty acres, has been sold for \$75,000, with the privilege of remaining until a new home is ready for occupancy. The

location of the new home has not yet been determined. Of the twenty-seven children enrolled from within the bounds of this Synod, twenty-five remain, of whom eight pay in part for their maintenance. The Superintendent reports that contributions amounting to \$1,402.95 were received from this Synod, and expresses the hope for increased contributions for enlarged work. A debt of \$5,000, of long standing, still encumbers the home.

Nazareth, at Crescent, N. C., reports the purchase of additional property, comprising 82 acres, with buildings, for \$4,100. Already twenty-three applicants for admission await reception when the home will be formally opened, which is expected to occur in a few weeks.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod places upon record its grateful recognition of and abiding gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon our Orphans' Homes, by an all-loving, heavenly Father.

2. *Resolved*, That we again place these homes upon the hearts of the people of the several Classes, constraining them, by prayer and liberal free-will offerings, to supply every need of the fatherless committed to the custody of our Orphans' Homes.

3. *Resolved*, That every congregation within the Synod be urged to make at least an annual contribution to this cause, and, if possible, this offering be made at Christmastide. Further, in view of the urgent needs and present condition of St. Paul's Home, the congregations be constrained to especially remember this Home in its present transitional period.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN J. JOHNSON,

S. T. WAGNER,

R. S. EBY,

J. M. SOUDER,

DAVID M. STOLER.

Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was presented to Synod by the Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller. It was referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. I. N. Peightel, J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., and Elder C. L. Cronise. They presented their report on Monday. It was received, read and adopted. To this same committee was referred a communication from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief. The report of the committee is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Permit me, as Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, to present,

for the information of your reverend body, the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year ending September 30, 1906:

RECEIPTS.

Received from Maryland Classis.....	\$226 77
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....	178 96
Received from Zion's Classis	72 33
Received from Virginia Classis	65 00
Received from Juniata Classis	66 00
Received from Carlisle Classis.....	52 00
Received from Mercersburg Classis	32 92
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	\$693 98

EXPENDITURES.

Carlisle Classis, paid to one annuitant.....	\$100 00
Zion's Classis, paid to one annuitant	100 00
Maryland Classis, paid to two annuitants.....	90 00
Virginia Classis, paid to one annuitant.....	85 00
Gettysburg Classis, paid to one annuitant.....	50 00
Juniata Classis, paid to one annuitant.....	50 00
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	\$475 00

In view of the above statement, your reverend body is asked to continue your interest in the work of relief, and commend the same to the Classes and request offerings for the cause, so that no needy minister or widow of minister may suffer from lack of aid in time of need.

With the prayer that your deliberations may be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer and Solicitor.

The officers of the above-mentioned Society present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the same for the year ending September 30, 1906. ■ . ■

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RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, as per last report.....	\$3,247 88
Cash from loans paid	8,535 00
Cash from collections in the churches.....	3,248 67
Cash from interest on investments	2,803 15
Cash from royalty on Church Hymnal	1,516 50
Cash from royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal	69 11
Cash from individual gifts.....	238 90
Cash from Pittsburgh Synod (special).....	150 00
Cash from Mrs. Ellen Hefright estate	482 72
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	\$20,291 93

EXPENDITURES.

Loans paid re-invested	\$8,535 00
New Investment—Life memberships.....	\$2,482 28
Mrs. Hefright bequest.....	482 72
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	2,965 00
Paid to 69 annuitants.....	4,362 50
Paid for treasurer's salary and bond.....	610 00
Paid for treasurer's traveling expenses.....	89 73
Paid for postage and stationery.....	32 08
Paid for printing	9 90
Cash in treasury, September 30, 1906.....	3,687 72
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	\$20,291 93

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY.

Invested fund	\$73,265 00
Cash in treasury	3,687 72
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Total	\$76,952 72

The following have become members during the year:

LIFE MEMBERS.

Revs. J. Lucian Roush, Wendelin Wittenwyler, Wm. G. Kuentzel, Elwood W. Middleton, George H. Miller, Harry W. Bright, Emil Lehrer, John Wernly, Samuel E. Moyer, John M. Kendig, D.D., Geo. H. Leonard, D.D., Jacob P. Stahl, D.D., Benoni Bates, Albert S. Bromer, Franklin H. Fisher, Silas L. Messinger, S. T. D., Chas. B. Alspach, William Friebolin, Henry H. Apple, E. Bruce Lyttle, George Stibitz, D.D., Geo. S. Sorber, Calvin Skyles, William H. Landis, Christian H. Schoepfle, William F. DeLong, William D. Happel, Ph. D., Geo. J. Lisberger, Chas. A. Waltman, Moses A. Kieffer, Val. Rettig, George W. Roth, Julius C. J. Kurtz, George B. Smith, Harvey E. Kilmer, John Winter, Clayton H. Ranck, Simon P. Brown, Albert Gonser, Harvey L. Hart, John A. Leuzinger, Charles H. Faust, Albert C. Diefenbach, Frederick H. Keller, John L. Barnhart, Wm. A. McClellan, Daniel Gress, Edwin T. Rhodes and David H. Fouse.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Revs. J. S. Kosower, H. H. Kattman and C. P. Seibel.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Shepherdstown, W. Va.;
 Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.;
 Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev.
 Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.;
 Rev. E. R. Eschbach and Rev. Isaac M. Motter, Adsessors,
 Frederick, Md.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Potomac Synod, Martinsburg,

W. Va.; Rev. D. A. Souders, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod, Irwin, Pa.; Rev. S. B. Yockey, D.D., Ohio Synod, Xenia, O.; Rev. J. H. Stepler, D.D., Central Synod, Cleveland, O.; Rev. J. W. Grossheusch, Synod of the Northwest, Plymouth, Wis., and Rev. A. E. Dahlmann, D.D., German Synod of the East, Buffalo, N. Y.

SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer and Solicitor.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief Society.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee would respectfully state that their report as submitted is based on the following papers, viz:

A statement of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and Ministers' Widows, containing a resume of the receipts and expenditures of the same within our Synodical bounds during the year ending September 30, 1906; also a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the same period within the bounds of the entire church; a communication from the Secretary of General Synod's Ministerial Relief Society, in which we learn that a very modest beginning has been made by that Society by the enrollment of two annuitants, and a respectful challenge of the sympathy and benevolence of this Synod in behalf of their organization; also a recommendation that a minister in each Classis shall be appointed to represent the interest of any needy brother with the Board.

We learn with profound pleasure of the continued interest on the part of pastors and people in the work in which the Society is engaged, as is evidenced by the contributions of the past year, which are in excess of what they were the previous year. We are glad to note a modest increase in the permanent endowment fund, which has reached the respectable sum of \$73,265.00, and a corresponding expansion of the radius of benefactions by the enrollment of an increased number of annuitants. We believe the policy of the Society, in the management and distribution of its funds, is wise and judicious. Their regret, and ours, is that a lack of funds prevents them from the pursuit of a more liberal policy in the amount of annuities where necessity calls. This sad condition could be readily removed by a more general co-operation of the ministry of our Church.

This is, as most of you know, the oldest Board of the Church, and has brought cheer and comfort to the helpless and destitute for more than a century. At no time in its history has it ever been in a more flourishing condition—more worthy of the confidence and support of pastors and people, or more able or ready to bring cheer and comfort to the needy

than now. For the aforesaid reasons, we deem it unwise, inexpedient, yea, hurtful, to the sacred cause for which the Society stands, to lend the sanction of our endorsements to the multiplication of Societies, as is contemplated by the action of General Synod, and thus introduce an element of confusion in the minds of our people, multiply ecclesiastical machinery, which must, of necessity, absorb no small portion of its revenues by reason of the widely-distributed character of the members of its Board. In consideration of the foregoing facts, we would respectfully offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hereby express our profound gratitude to God for the measure of relief the Society has been able to extend to the needy and helpless the past year.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves anew to this sacred cause and earnestly reiterate the previous actions of Synod in commending the support of the Society to the sympathy and benevolence of pastors and people, and through the Classes urge every pastor to present the cause to our people, and lift an offering for this work during the year.

Resolved, That we deem it unwise, impractical and hurtful to this sacred cause to lend the sanction of our endorsement by recommending to the sympathy and benevolence of our people another society whose scope and purpose parallels the work of a society which has an honorable history of over one hundred years.

Resolved, That we fail to see the necessity for the appointment of a minister in each Classis, as is suggested in the communication from the Relief Society of the General Synod.

Resolved, That we recommend to the officers of the Society for the relief of disabled ministers and ministers' widows the removal of such legal barriers, if they exist, by a modification of its charter as will give them a wider scope in the distribution of the benefactions of the Society.

Respectfully yours,

I. N. PEIGHTEL,
J. A. HOFFHEINS.

Deaconess Home.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The undersigned members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home beg leave to offer the following:

We regret, because of unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to secure a meeting of the Board during the year.

We have been mindful, however, of the trust committed to us by your action of last year and have sought an opportunity to locate this work at some point accessible to the Synod.

We regret that the possibilities of locating at York, Pa., have not improved during the year, and we suggest that Synod reconsider the action, whereby the home was to be established at York.

We suggest that Synod promptly fill the vacancies existing in the Board, and encourage this worthy charity by giving to it financial, as well as moral support. Thus encouraging the Board to seek during the year to come a location where definite local support may be obtained and where special facilities may be at hand for the training of devoted Christian women for the work of deaconess.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STEWART HARTMAN,
ISRAEL LAUCKS.

Synod authorized the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home to enter into conference with the managers of the Phoebe Deaconess Home, Allentown Pa., in the hope that some plan may be devised by which the deaconess work of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods may be combined.

At the election for members of Boards of Synod, Rev. J. S. Hartman and Elder P. C. Wiest were elected for four years; Rev. R. L. Bair, for three years; Rev. H. J. Hillegas, for two years.

Members of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home—Rev. J. S. Hartman and Elder P. C. Wiest, 1910; Rev. R. L. Bair, 1909; Rev. H. J. Hillegas and Elder Israel Laucks, 1908; Elder E. G. Shower, M.D., 1907.

Report of Committee on the Offer of Elder Geo. W. Hoffman.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee to which was referred the offer of Elder Geo. W. Hoffman, of Adams county, Pa., to donate to Synod certain real estate situate in said county, begs leave to submit the following report, to wit:

That a full meeting of the committee was held at the home of Elder Hoffman early in the year. After a full conference on the subject, it was agreed that Mr. Hoffman should transfer said real estate by a provisional deed to Synod. The deed, accordingly, with all the conditions and provisos attached to the proposed bequest, was made, duly executed and is herewith submitted. For the information of Synod, touching the character and contents of the deed above mentioned, your committee presents the following, to wit:

That on April 13, 1906, George W. Hoffman and wife, by deed duly executed, conveyed to Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States two several tracts of land, situated in Mount Joy township, Adams county, Penn-

sylvania, aggregating one hundred and ninety-one and one-half acres, the improvements consisting of two sets of farm buildings, including two brick dwelling houses and two large, commodious frame barns, for the following purposes and upon the following conditions, to wit: "This deed not to go into effect until the death of the said George W. Hoffman, and the premises herein conveyed are deeded to the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be used by them for the purposes of an agricultural and household Orphans' Home, to be known as the 'George W. and Agnes Hoffman Orphanage.' The male children to be taught all kinds of general farm work, and the female children general house work, the farming to be carried on by the orphans and made self-supporting as far as possible by the raising of vegetables, making of butter and feeding and raising of beef, pork and poultry. If, after a full and complete trial for a period of ten years, the party of the second part hereto decides it is impracticable to use the within granted premises for the purposes of an orphanage as above directed, then and in that case they may and can use it for any other benevolent or charitable purposes they may deem fit and suitable, or they can sell the said real estate and use the fund arising therefrom for such benevolent and charitable purposes. This conveyance also to be subject to the payment by party of the second part of the sum of twenty dollars each and every year to Agnes Hoffman, from the time of the death of George W. Hoffman up to the time of her death, when said payment shall cease and be discharged and ended. Upon the death of George W. Hoffman his share of all undivided proceeds from said real estate is to go to party of second part hereto. Agnes Hoffman is to have the right to live on the orphanage until her death and to be properly taken care of in her old age at her own expense."

Your committee find, upon examination, that the proper corporate name of the grantee in the aforesaid deed was not used, and that by reason of such defect future complications might arise.

We earnestly recommend the acceptance by Synod of the gift of Brother Hoffman and wife upon the terms and conditions so generously offered by them, and that Dr. T. J. Barclay, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Potomac Synod, be authorized and directed to have prepared a proper deed upon the terms above set forth; and that the Corresponding Secretary of this body be instructed to convey to Brother George W. Hoffman and wife Agnes our hearty appreciation of their generous donation.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,	W. J. ZACHARIAS,
J. STEWART HARTMAN,	M. W. BAHN.

During the preparation of the above report, Synod added Elder W. J. Zacharias, Esq., to the committee appointed last year.

Greetings to the Reformed Church of France.

The following resolutions, proposed by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D.D., LL.D., were adopted:

Whereas, Our brethren of the Reformed faith in France are now passing through new experience of freedom from State control, incident to their relations hitherto holding between Church and State, under the civil government in the French Republic; and, inasmuch as we of the Reformed Church in the United States have long enjoyed untrammelled liberty of self-government and are reaping the largest benefits in the exercise of free Protestant rights, subject only to the laws of the land; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod of the Potomac of our Reformed Church in the United States hereby expresses its lively sympathy in fraternal Christian fellowship for our brethren of the old Protestant faith in France, and extend to them the warm right hand of brotherhood in their new trials of faith and sufferings in the cause of truth and righteousness for the sake of our common Lord and Saviour in behalf of our fellow-men.

Resolved, also, That an authentic copy of this expression of our Christian greetings be transmitted to the proper Synod of the Reformed Church in that Republic; and that our brethren of the Reformed Church of France be respectfully overtured, through the General Synod, to join us in closer relations belonging to the historical confessional bond common to the Reformed family, by entering into an exchange of corresponding delegates with our General Synod, beginning, if possible, with the next triennial meeting in May, 1908.

Resolved, That a commission of one member be appointed by this Synod to co-operate with one of the General Synod in furthering such closer relations of amity and fraternity between the Reformed churches holding so much in common, faith, suffering and history.

Rev. H. H. Apple was appointed this commission.

Report of Special Committee Relative to Anti-Saloon League.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee, to whom was submitted the overture of the Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania, requesting this Synod to consider the propriety of naming two of its members in Pennsylvania to become members of the State Board of Trustees of the League, beg leave to submit the following:

This Synod would express, as it has done on previous occa-

sions, its hearty sympathy with the aims and purposes of the Anti-Saloon League, in its efforts to restrict and over-come evil and advance the cause of temperance and righteousness. At the same time it does not deem it within its province to enter into the proposed relationship contemplated in the above request to the extent of appointing two of its members from Pennsylvania to serve on the Board of Trustees of the League of Pennsylvania, as this Synod is not distinctively a Pennsylvania organization.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BRUCE LYTTLE, *Chairman*,
T. K. CROMER, C. M. DECHANT.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented its report, which was received, read and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report, to wit:

IN MEMORIAM.

THE REV. MILES O. NOLL.

Our ministerial brother, touching whose life and labors it is the duty of your committee to submit a suitable minute, was born near Lewisburg, Union County, Pa., on the 31st day of March, 1862, and was called home to his reward on the 27th day of November, 1905, aged forty-three years, eight months and four days. His parents were John M. and Hannah Noll.

Our deceased brother received his preparatory education in the public schools of his county and at Bucknell Academy. He then entered Bucknell University, from which he graduated at the close of the academic year, 1887. Believing that he was called to the ministry of the Gospel, he entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., at the beginning of the fall term of the same year, and having completed the prescribed course of study, he graduated at the commencement in May, 1890. At the annual meeting of West Susquehanna Classis in the same month of the same year, he was licensed to preach the Gospel. Having received and accepted

a call from the Bellefonte charge. Center county, Pa., he was ordained by West Susquehanna Classis in May, 1890, and at once entered upon the duties of the pastorate. In this his first field of labor he was eminently successful, and continued to serve the people with acceptance until January 1, 1895, when he accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Reformed church, of Carlisle, Pa. Here he became the successor of the eminently successful pastor, the sainted Dr. A. H. Kremer, on the same date that he closed his pastorate at Bellefonte. This was his last charge. Here he labored with the affectionate co-operation and regard of his people until the date of his decease. In addition to his pastoral work, Brother Noll served the church in other directions.

At one time he acted as agent for F. and M. College. He was at different times an efficient member of different Boards of the Church, and was honored with the Presidency of this Synod at its annual meeting in Salisbury, N. C.; and only a few years before his death he was elected to the Presidency of Catawba College, which he declined.

On the 25th of June, 1891, he was married to Miss Katharine Markley Follmer, who, together with three children—Martha, Miriam and Daniel—is left to mourn his departure.

After a short illness, in the vigor of his manhood and at the height of his physical and mental powers, our brother was called from the service of the earthly sanctuary to that of the heavenly. The Synod and the Church feel his loss, but rejoice in the hope of the everlasting life into which he has entered.

Your committee submits this tribute of fraternal regard to the memory of the departed, and suggests that it be adopted by the usual mark of Synodical remembrance.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
W. A. KORN.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to Revs. P. A. DeLong and E. A. Appenzeller and the members of Zion's and St. John's Reformed congregations, for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

Resolved, That this action be read by the pastors at the next regular service.

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be given to the Treasurer of Zion Reformed congregation for the use of the church for the sessions of Synod.

Reportorial Committee.

Just prior to adjournment, the Reportorial Committee presented its report. It was adopted and Synod tendered them its thanks for their services.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Reportorial Committee begs leave to say that we reported the proceedings of Synod, through ourselves or assistants, to the papers of Chambersburg, Baltimore, Altoona, Huntingdon, Martinsburg, Pa., Bedford and Everett, and "The Reformed Church Messenger" and "Reformed Church Record." Through the kindness of Mr. W. G. Underwood, Associated Press reporter of this place, the Philadelphia and other papers also gave reports of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BAUSMAN,	D. E. MASTER,
J. DAVID MILLER,	E. BRUCE LYTTLE,
E. S. LAMAR,	LLOYD E. COBLENTZ.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Grace Memorial Reformed church, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, October 15, 1907, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 22, 1906, at 5:15 o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer in unison, the Doxology and the benediction by the President.

A. S. WEBER, *President.*

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Stated Clerk.*

An official copy from the original minutes.

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ZION'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS	PAST OFFICE ADDRESSES	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LORDS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.					
			Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-natal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.					Recommenced.	Transferred Names.	Deaths, Uncom.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.
Arvin Spangler	311 Market St., York, Pa.	Without charge	1	208	154	115	15	15	8	25	9	0	2	1	1	25	330	335 00	61000 00	8
Arvin H. Leise	1101 W. King St., York, Pa.	Without charge	1	430	353	213	13	13	16	17	4	6	6	4	1	26	541	602 00	26500 00	12
George S. Schuler	410 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa.	Zion, York	4	303	318	320	20	20	28	7	1	1	8	1	4	45	205	227 00	800 00	19
John J. Stauffer	110 W. King St., York, Pa.	New Salem	5	1054	950	655	73	6	75	11	12	15	23	10	5	48	930	137 00	3015 00	40
Abner P. Schellhammer	421 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa.	Paradise	2	120	70	71	6	6	10	10	4	0	0	0	2	32	133	79 00	618 00	14
Raymond F. Hutz M D	1100 E. Market St., York, Pa.	Without charge	1	377	430	285	11	1	13	14	10	9	9	1	1	41	415	7720 00	20318 00	15
Joseph W. Bell	110 S. Duke St., York, Pa.	Ballastown Charge	3	361	301	21	21	10	4	2	2	16	2	2	3	35	403	201 00	2710 00	20
Henry H. Apple	110 S. Duke St., York, Pa.	Trinity, York	1	15	13	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	00	16 00	42 00	...
Wm. A. Korn Ph D	Hellam, York Co., Pa.	Kreutz Creek Charge	1	608	314	216	15	15	18	3	3	4	4	1	40	648	446 00	4518 00	12	
Wm. A. Korn Ph D	Supply, Pa.	Without charge	4	414	325	235	20	20	18	3	3	10	3	3	4	57	254	251 00	3000 00	20
Benjamin R. Boyer	125 N. Beaver St., York, Pa.	Heddelberg, York	1	218	163	139	19	4	18	4	3	3	3	4	1	21	379	100 00	2428 00	10
Utrani J. Hilleman	131 W. Market St., York, Pa.	Memorial, York	1	208	274	310	9	2	19	17	7	10	2	2	1	25	508	5559 00	2457 00	12
Amos F. Lushoff	223 N. Hartley St., York, Pa.	Grace, York	3	445	325	200	13	5	21	3	3	8	8	2	3	35	190	449 00	1301 00	19
Samuel M. Rowser	Glen Rock, Pa.	Glen Rock Charge	2	137	128	135	4	4	10	10	3	3	3	1	2	45	200	75 00	13072 00	12
J. Kern McKee	Red Lion, Pa.	St. John's Charge	1	16	13	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	17 00	17 00	2
J. Kern McKee	Supply, Pa.	Lebanon	1	65	50	50	4	4	6	13	1	1	1	1	1	19	155	40 00	2239 00	8
Chas. H. Hight	351 W. King St., York, Pa.	Without charge	4	174	135	26	16	4	11	2	3	21	6	2	4	45	159	98 00	520 00	12
Robert L. Rute	320 W. Market St., York, Pa.	St. Stephen's	1	93	91	16	16	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	24	215	40 00	451 00	8
Howard A. Althouse	Hillsburg, Pa.	Hillsburg Charge	2	98	75	62	7	6	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	23	137	25 00	203 00	14
Charles L. Myers	319 E. Market St., York, Pa.	Emanuel's	1	75	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45 00	132 00	...
Wm. S. Insler	330 Atlantic Ave., York, Pa.	Quickel's Charge	1
Supplied	Christ	Christ

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

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			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Expulsion of Names.	Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Officers and Teachers.		No. of Scholars.	Benevolent Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.				
Joseph W. Santer, D.D.	Fort Washington, Pa.	Without charge	1	508	460	200	14	3	25	7	8	17	9	1	57	549	12590	00	3353	00
(George L. Staley, D.D.)	1516 Bolton St., Baltimore	Without charge	1	515	427	137	11	3	11	4	4	7	2	1	45	280	2215	00	2747	00
F. R. Eachbach, D.D.	Frederick, Md.	Evangelical Reformed	1	613	466	262	26	5	21	10	4	9	2	1	29	237	920	00	3163	00
J. Spang, Kieffer, D.D.	Hagerstown, Md.	Zion's	2	410	309	111	6	6	20	23	4	3	1	2	43	251	660	00	2250	00
Joel L. Rossiter, D.D.	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore	First Reformed	3	374	260	246	40	2	19	5	5	5	4	3	36	222	263	00	823	00
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Hagerstown, Md.	Christ, Hagerstown																		
Silas M. Hench	Frederick, Md.	Litica																		
Jacob B. Kershner	7 Cedar St., Allegheny, Pa.	Without charge																		
Louis F. Zinkhan	19 & C Sts., S.E., Washington	Supt. Washington Asylum																		
Rarton R. Carnahan	Keedysville, Md.	Mt. Moriah	3	277	189	40	2	5	3	6	3	3	2	2	26	182	226	00	651	00
(Calvin S. Slagle)	Westminster, Md.	St. Paul's, Westminster	1	153	140	58	4	12	4	5	5	5	1	1	18	71	231	00	1878	00
Adam S. Weber, D.D.	130 S. Pat'son Pk. Av., Balto.	Faith	1	422	384	260	41	31	9	26	6	4	12	1	37	550	420	00	2239	00
(George W. Snyder)	Boonsboro, Md.	Braddock	1	55	31	42	3	1					1	1	13	42	35	00	93	00
Chas. W. Levan	306 E. 23d St., Baltimore, Md.	St. Stephen's	1	129	80	56	4	5				2	1	1	19	146	150	00	991	00
Atvill Conner	Adams town, Md.	Manor	3	273	208	120	10		4	6	1	4	3	4	43	192	550	00	1325	00
Isaac M. Motter	Frederick, Md.	Without charge																		
Lloyd E. Conentz	410 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore	St. Paul's, Baltimore	1	378	473	326	32	25	16	16	1	9	4	2	53	466	645	00	4932	00
Simon H. Miller	Frederick, Md.	Treasurer Relief Society																		
Fred'k W. Bald, B.D.	Clear Spring, Md.	Clearspring	2	233	196	83	17	6	4	1	10	6	1	2	27	200	803	00	1050	00
W. C. B. Shulenberger	Emmitsburg, Md.	Without charge																		
John W. Pontius	Middletown, Md.	Christ	1	536	408	200	12	1	15	2	3	9	2	1	67	540	705	00	4373	00
Eugene L. McLean	Frederick, Md.	Grace, Frederick	1	345	217	200	35	2	15	26	6	1	4	2	41	430	361	00	3002	00
David J. Wolf	Taneytown, Md.	Taneytown	2	478	353	214	17	1	7	17	4	6	8	1	34	280	314	00	1305	00
Elmer L. Coblenz	Ridgely, Md.	St. Paul's, Ridgely	1	128	96	62	2	1				2	1	1	19	126	84	00	834	00
J. Stewart Hartman	Silver Run, Md.	St. Mary's	1	651	451	245	16	14	1	12	1	6	4	1	28	203	492	00	1285	00
William E. Lampe	Sandal, Japan	Missionary																		
John M. Schick, D.D.	1415 15th St., N.W. Wash'ton	Grace, Washington	1	226	217	80	11	3	7	14	7	7	5	1	19	194	1545	00	3335	00
James M. Mullan, B.D.	2200 E. Hoffman St., Balto.	St. Mark's	1	174	123	106	20	15	2	11	14	14	4	1	28	318	121	00	788	00
James B. Stonestifer	Westminster, Md.	Carroll	3	330	275	173	15	1	6	9	9	9	2	1	37	270	216	00	930	00
Guatav R. Poetter	1606 Gilmor St., Baltimore	Christ, Baltimore	1	266	194	148	18	1	6	2	2	2	4	1	36	276	208	00	3373	00
J. Philip Harner	Cavetown, Md.	Cavetown	3	361	316	110	8	5	15	5	4	1	11	3	34	229	617	00	1505	00
Aaron M. Gluck	Emmitsburg, Md.	Church of Incarnation	1	131	118	55	10	2	9	3	3	5	0	0	9	08	140	00	963	0
James J. Schaeffer	Walkersville, Md.	Glade	2	204	154	148	7	1	1	8	7	7	2	1	23	245	335	00	908	05
Clayton H. Ranck	822 N. Rutaw St., Baltimore	Third Church, Baltimore	1	204	250	60	5	17		6	6	6	6	2	23	230	1673	00	2705	00
David N. Dittmar	Jefferson, Md.	Jefferson	2	226	181	134	21	3	16	12	4	4	0	1	25	163	392	00	982	00
Guy P. Brady	Thurmont, Md.	Thurmont	2	441	379	473	15	3	19	12	9	12	0	4	64	489	205	00	1269	00
Milton W. Schaeffer	Hallsville, Md.	Hallsville	2	117	93	57	7	13	1	13	1	1	1	3	20	120	122	00	120	00
Martin W. Schaeffer	Union Bridge, Md.	Union Bridge	2	224	193	150	11	4	12	7	13	13	1	3	23	26	128	00	875	00

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B. Charles Hoover	197 W. Oxford St., Baltimore	Grace, Baltimore
Marion L. Pior	342 3d Ave., N. Baltimore	Trinity, Baltimore
Charles M. Smith	Burkittsville, Md.	Burkittsville
Vacant	Boonsboro, Md.	Boonsboro
Vacant	Mt. Pleasant, Md.	Mt. Pleasant
Vacant	Manchester, Md.	Manchester
Joseph H. Apple, Jr.	Frederick, Md.	President Woman's College
Wm. H. Warner, Jr.	Manchester, Md.	
E. Lewis Higbee, Jr.	Kennett, Md.	

* Statistics of 1905.

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MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.
			Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-baptism.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Benefactorial Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.	
W. C. Cremer, D.D.	Chambersburg, Pa.	St. Peter's, Mont Alto	1 40	31	13	1	7	3	3	1	1	3	1	12	75	947 00	\$150 00	10
F. F. Bahner, D.D.	Waynesboro, Pa.	Waynesboro	2 403	375	110	21	7	21	23	8	8	4	2	56	305	853 00	1775 00	24
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Green village, Pa.	Without charge																
G. B. Russell, D.D., LL.D.	Waynesboro, Pa.	Without charge																
Jonas B. Shontz	Chambersburg, Pa.	Without charge																
Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Professor of Theology																
Isaac N. Peightel	Greencastle, Pa.	Greencastle	2 320	345	75	4	12	10	10	9	4	9	2	28	255	953 00	1550 00	24
Vacant	McConnellsburg, Pa.	McConnellsburg	3 100	130	83	7	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	10	55	120	935 00	10
Edward O. Keen	Waynesboro, Pa.	St. Paul's	2 208	218	145	12	3	10	5	3	3	3	2	42	284	372	5270 00	
Gideon P. Fisher	Marion, Pa.	Grindstone Hill	2 808	307	95	9	16	9	13	6	20	4	2	33	205	457	1702 00	25
John O. Reagle	Shippensburg, Pa.	Grace	1 311	232	35	3	4	2	1	5	5	6	1	27	252	403	3442 00	20
Edgar R. Appenzeller	Chambersburg, Pa.	St. John's	1 372	303	161	11	12	8	19	3	10	3	1	32	321	409	1855 00	
Ellas F. Faust	St. Thomas, Pa.	St. Thomas	3 178	163	76	1	5	5	3	3	5	9	3	16	106	200	933 00	
Vacant	Ft. Loudon, Pa.	Ft. Loudon	3 158	125	82	6	2	14	1	5	5	4	2	44	205	85	275 00	
Preston A. DeLong	Chambersburg, Pa.	Zion	1 430	225	125	6	2	23	23	5	20	7	1	29	337	750	5300 00	20
Edward S. Lamar	Williamson, Pa.	Williamson	2 190	120	7	5	27	13	9	9	1	1	2	21	154	103	1450 00	15
Henri L. O. Kieffer	Mercersburg, Pa.	Mercersburg	3 265	210	125	8	3	10	10	10	5	1	1 1/2	24	214	451	1107 00	20
			25 2004	2053	1125	95	65	150	123	77	50	57	15	293	2053	318523 00	28357 00	100

Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D., Mercersburg, Pa. Licentiate, Mercersburg Academy.
 Geo. Leslie M. Omwake, Collegeville, Pa., Licentiate, Dean of Ursinus College.
 Chalmers W. Walck, Licentiate, Greencastle.

W. C. CREMER, Stated Clerk.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS. POST OFFICE ADDRESS. NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.
			Communicants.	Uncommunicated.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erase of Names.	Deaths, Uncom.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.				
J. A. Hoffhelms, D.D.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Christ	342	227	138	5	2	11	11	4	2	2	1	32	172	172	\$764 00	\$2416 00	
J. W. Rauch	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Felling Waters	21	12	18								1	7	31	31	19 00	18 00	
G. O. Everhart	1614 Hollin St., Balto., Md.	Without charge																	
Josiah May	Bayard, W. Va.	Without charge																	
S. A. Hiltner	Edinburg, Va.	Without charge																	
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock	222	195	140	3	4	7	6	2	6	3	1	15	125	125	232 00	800 00	
H. Ditzler	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Mill Creek	214	170	113	8	7	9	4	3	4	4	3	15	170	170	173 00	1250 00	
L. T. Lampe	Phoenix, Arizona	Without charge																	
A. T. Wright	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Without charge																	
A. Shulenberger	Edinburg, Va.	Rockingham	342	255	155	14	10	22	3	4	1	6	1	31	222	222	455 00	1716 00	
M. A. Kieffer	Timberville, Va.	Edinburg	130	123	14	14				5		3					119 00	1050 00	
T. K. Cromer	Winchester, Va.	Timberville	200	247	130	25	9	22	5	10	2		3	24	216	216	200 00	1022 00	
A. H. Smith	Toms Brook, Va.	Winchester	128	93	74	2	1	3		6	3	1	3	15	92	92	135 00	1333 00	
B. K. Hay	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Harrisville	242	216	99	9	4	7	4	1	5	1	2	31	202	202	346 00	141 00	
J. M. Souder	Arbor Hill, Va.	Mt. Crawford	225	159	95	6	6	6	11	13			3	45	186	186	372 00	14 07 00	
T. J. Hacker, D.D.	Roanoke, Va.	Middlebrook	234	190	78	17	2	4	3	6		2	2	29	211	211	173 00	575 00	
J. R. Lewis	Lovettsville, Va.	St. Paul	92	72	30	4	3	5	14	1			1	7	70	70	71 00	140 00	
Vacant	Harrisonburg, Va.	Lovettsville	113	84	91	3	1			2		2	1	14	60	60	63 00	34 00	
J. David Miller	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	St. Stephen	31	27	20	3		10					1	5	27	27	223 00	666 00	
Supplied	Smithfield, W. Va.	Shepherdstown	133	94	66	3		1	1	4		5	2	15	70	70	136 00	2370 00	
		Smithfield	7														5 00		
			28	2781	1245	1267	113	48	96	74	80	43	4127	290	1854	1	13007 00	23074 00	

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John Ingle	Green Park, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Michael I. Hedrick	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	R. F. D. No. 6, Salisbury, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Jno. A. Foll, Ph. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Paul Barringer	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Joe L. Murphy, D. D.	Hickory, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Jacob C. Leonard	Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
J. M. L. Lytle, Ph. D.	Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
James D. Andrew	Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Julius H. Shuldrick	Burlington, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Wm. H. McNair	Hickory, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Henry F. Sechie	Lenoir, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Joshua L. Rowles	Seabreeze, Fla.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
John H. Keller	China Grove, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
W. B. Butters, Ph. D.	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
David P. Rowles	Salisbury, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Samuel W. Beck	High Point, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Walter W. Row	Concord, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Calvin H. Heller	Rockwell, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Wm. H. Cansey	Maiden, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
A. R. Holshouser, M. D.	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Charles F. Wehler	Rockwell, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Albert Snyder, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Lucian W. Shawes	Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Thomasville, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Vacant	Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Vacant	Lamont, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Conover, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Blowing Rock, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 1, Hickory, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 1, Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Hickory, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Vacant	High Point, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 4, Concord, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	
Vacant	Newton, N. C.	Without charge	1	211	184	70	24	1	8	2	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without charge	1	139	106	55	17	0	11	9	3	1	15	208	2	205	00	1076	00	13	
Vacant	Shadey, N. C.	Without charge	1	229	220	175	28	16	0	9	2	2	4	42	561	2	403	00	400	00	16
Vacant	China Grove, N. C.	Without charge	1	264	200	50	8	12	7	7	2	3	28	445	1	180	00	940	00	16	

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONAL.			LOSERS.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.			
			Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- peal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Estruse of Names.	Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.		No. of Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
William K. Zieher, D.D.	Hanover, Pa.	Without charge	1	226	285	287	11	1	8	2	1	1	1	1	21	100	9420 00	91400 00	15	
Thos. J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg, Pa.	West Manheim	4	600	660	280	32	1	33	3	7	9	3	3	4	70	205	187 00	1130 00	25
Jno. H. Hartman	Hanover, Pa.	Without charge	3	740	670	475	42	3	21	3	10	12	7	3	42	334	558 00	1200 00	25	
Walter E. Krebs, D.D.	Littlestown, Pa.	Christ Church																		
Francis S. Lindaman	Littlestown, Pa.	Without charge																		
John F. Mackley	Fairfield, Pa.	Without charge																		
J. Marion Mickley	McKnightstown, Pa	Without charge																		
Wm. D. LeFevre	Smyrna, Del.	Without charge																		
Marsby J. Roth	Hanover, Pa.	Trinity	1	642	605	270	26	2	26	27	10	22	15	5	1	27	619	354 00	2100 00	15
Paul M. Spangler	East Berlin, Pa.	Without charge																		
Whorton A. Kline	Collegeville, Pa.	Professor Uranus College																		
Nathan W. Sechler	Codorus, Pa.	Jefferson	3	795	740	495	27	27	27	3	7	14	6	3	43	278	401 00	1040 00	30	
J. Hamilton Smith	Littlestown, Pa.	Church of Redeemer	1	340	277	108	13	15	15	3	3	6	4	1	21	294	246 00	3091 00	16	
Theodore C. Hesson	Arendtsville, Pa.	Arendtsville	2	425	371	196	7	7	7	4	4	9	9	2	41	350	536 00	1180 00	16	
Silas P. Mauger	New Oxford, Pa.	New Oxford	3	606	490	215	20	1	31	9	23	13	8	3	53	305	300 00	1200 00	22	
Jacob M. Strick	Hendal, Japan	Missionary																		
Wm. E. Bushong	Phoenixville, Pa.	Without charge																		
E. Wm. Stonebraker	Fairfield, Pa.	Cashtown	3	424	378	213	27	25	25	10	9	9	9	5	23	320	650 00	1235 00	46	
Ellis B. Hay	Hanover, Pa.	Emmanuel	1	520	450	167	30	14	14	26	7	10	10	3	30	309	1502 00	9140 00	16	
Jacob N. Faust	Spring Forge, Pa.	Lisachey	2	478	397	275	24	9	27	30	6	6	7	5	20	269	309 00	2020 00	11	
Vacant	East Berlin, Pa.	St. Mark's	4	371	276	100	16	10	10	15	1	13	13	1	54	299	110 00	775 00	11	
T. J. Barkley, D.D.	Supply		1	90	96	63	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	10	63	36 00	100 00	05	
			29	6328	5675	3234	206	16	356	126	78	68	117	36	29	645	2637	45130 00	37394 00	202

T. J. BARKLEY, Stated Clerk.

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.		MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LOSERS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CONTINUITY'N'S		Minutes Wanted.		
						Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed	Expire of Names	Deaths, Continu.	Deaths, Termin.	No. of Scholars and Teachers.	No. of Officers.	No. of Schools.	Prudential Purpose.	Continental Purpose.	Minutes Wanted.
J. Thomas Fox	New Bloomfield, Pa.	New Bloomfield	2	128	110	70	31	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	26	2	146	874 00	8037 00	17
Charles A. Waltman	Blain, Perry County, Pa.	Zion's	4	426	343	245	14	7	17	0	7	52	2	1	4	48	873	244 00	1044 00	27
Frank L. Kerr	Newport, Pa.	Newport	1	240	200	125	14	7	7	3	11	2	2	2	20	1	204	825 00	2260 00	26
Harry W. Wisler	Carlisle, Pa.	Sulphur Springs	4	190	154	63	6	3	3	4	4	10	4	2	30	1	240	200 00	1770 00	15
Milton M. Noecker	Marysville, Pa.	Duncannon	3	228	200	110	6	2	11	7	6	1	10	2	24	3	176	333 00	2723 00	20
Hiram J. Macalister	Newburg, Pa.	Zion Church, Newburg	1	135	118	45	6	6	7	10	10	1	16	2	18	1	176	220 00	1000 00	20
Fredrick A. Rupley, Jr	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Mechanicsburg	1	233	157	58	7	3	5	10	10	1	20	0	32	1	205	400 00	3020 00	10
Roy L. Leimbach	Landisburg, Pa.	Landisburg	4	272	202	94	9	8	26	7	9	0	20	0	51	4	217	612 00	1001 00	26
Robert J. Pilgrim	153 W. Louthier St., Carlisle.	Carlisle	1	429	379	145	3	14	19	11	6	3	3	3	30	1	261	643 00	2140 00	13
F. A. Rupley, supply	Marlinsburg, Pa.	Peach Church	1	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5 00	5 00	...
Solomon B. Schafer	Philadelphla, Pa.	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Samuel P. Stauffer	Dayton, Ohio	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
George A. House	Carlisle, Pa.	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wm. H. Groh	Greensburg, Pa.	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edwin D. Meisell	Harrisburg, Pa.	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geo. W. Shellenberger	Alinda, Perry Co., Pa.	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Samuel T. Wagner	Mt Tabox, Cumberland Co.	Without charge	1
Frank W. Shulenberger		Lieutenant	1

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 WM. H. GIKELL, Minister Clerk.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.				LOSERS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIVE PURPOSES.		Minutes Wanted.		
			Congregations.	Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Failure of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Officers and Teachers.		No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benefactor Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.
Rev. F. A. Rupley, D.D.	Martinsburg, Pa.	Without charge	3	100	74	42	7	2	2	1	2	1	18	18	94	1	888 00	5112 00	
Daniel G. Hetrick	Clear Ridge	Clear Ridge	3	353	277	134	16	4	15	3	5	0	40	40	315	1	530 00	1291 00	
Benj. F. Bauman	Dunning's Creek	Dunning's Creek	1	281	265	205	16	7	23	13	5	3	31	31	265	1	530 00	2268 00	
John D. Hicks	Grace	Grace	1	42	35	30	5	2	40	40			10	10	45		43 00	143 00	
Albert F. Nace	St. Paul's	St. Paul's	4	353	260	92	13	11	23	11	22	7	4	67	67	263	1	340 00	3004 00
John S. Hedner	Hickory Bottom	Hickory Bottom	3	319	274	138	6	1	4	22			25	25	149	1	940 00	1210 00	
Howard Obold	Water Street	Water Street	3	356	273	70	1	12	11	16	16	1	34	34	259		300 00	190 00	
Walter E. Garrett	McConnellstown	McConnellstown	2	184	185	43			6	3	3	1	1	1	181	1	572 00	1864 00	
J. David Miller*	Everett	Everett	3	375	270	232	15	1	16	4	10	3	24	24	203		288 00	867 00	
Chas. W. Warlich	Mulphur Spring	Mulphur Spring	1	215	170	81	3	1	6	7	7	4	12	12	92		405 00	1030 00	
A. Thos. G. Apple	St. John's, Bedford	St. John's, Bedford	1	684	444	218	21	1	15	10	20	6	24	24	419		828 00	5127 00	
Warren J. Johnson	Christ	Christ	4	152	150	83	4		9	4	10	5	26	26	199		172 00	890 00	
Christian Gumbert	Yellow Creek	Yellow Creek	4	467	277	208	34	7	23	9	7	5	39	39	501		551 00	830 00	
Jno. D. Hunsicker	Greenfield	Greenfield	3	244	213	185	6	1	11	7	7	3	35	35	260		303 00	1153 00	
Chas. F. Althouse	Saxton	Saxton	3	208	243	146	8	1	20	6	6	6	30	30	160		283 00	523 00	
Christian W. Sumner	Friend's Cove	Friend's Cove	1	550	430	216	27	4	24	22	8	7	37	37	263	1	1506 00	2734 00	
Geo. E. Lambert	Trinity	Trinity	1	406	297	131	17	3	26	8	8	4	24	24	390		7775 00	1835 00	
Daniel E. Master	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	3	200	253	133	4		4	14		4	50	50	193		132 00	596 00	
Arthur C. Ohl	Woodcock Valley	Woodcock Valley	3	256	212	232	6		1	1		6	15	15	90		113 00	443 00	
E. C. Musselman	Schellsburg	Schellsburg	3	382	282	131	11	8	7	14		6	33	33	236		390 00	1124 00	
J. Wm. Zehring	St. Clairsville	St. Clairsville	2	233	200	100	7		4	19		5	28	28	206		407 00	943 00	
Frank E. Laufer, Ph.D.	Martinsburg	Martinsburg	2	36	20	25	2	3					6	6	53		40 00	100 00	
D. E. Master, supply	Orbisonia	Orbisonia																	
Wm. Kelley, M.D.	Chenoweth, China	Chenoweth, China																	
			127	6575	5153	2600	230	57	535	196	163	55	93	27	47	629	51535 00	26001 00	

* Dismissed September 17, 1906, to the Classis of Virginia, not as yet received, October 3, 1906.

† Shepherdsstown, Va (October 3, 1906).

TOTAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF POTOMAC SYNOD FOR THE YEAR A. D. 1906.

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.					ADDITIONS.					LOSERS.					SUNDAY-SCHOOL.					CONTRIBUTIONS.	
	Licentiates.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communi- cants.	Communed.	Uncon- firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re- covery.	Dismissed.	Excom- municated.	Transfer of Name.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Un- comm.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Stu- dents for Miss.	Beneficent Purposes.		
Zion	...	24	40	3855	4500	3156	280	26	255	181	10	...	61	57	48	38	600	6311	1	61000	60000	
Maryland	3	41	65	11178	8573	6031	534	50	202	240	104	...	63	107	76	63	1144	14119	11	20001	20000	
Mercersburg	3	16	25	3604	2803	1126	96	66	159	123	77	...	69	67	16	224	394	2005	3	3222	3000	
Virginia	...	17	32	2781	2242	1257	115	46	96	74	59	...	16	42	4	27	200	1004	1	3007	30074	
North Carolina	2	27	53	4371	3105	1322	223	96	123	140	126	...	32	37	11	40	440	4725	4	4000	10750	
Gettysburg	...	20	29	5323	6676	3224	210	16	255	126	76	...	106	117	39	20	446	3037	6	6100	27000	
Carlisle	1	16	22	2284	1968	996	84	37	91	53	53	...	102	28	4	21	302	2324	1	5700	16100	
Juniata	...	22	53	6675	5185	2000	230	67	236	196	103	...	56	91	27	47	630	6000	4	16000	20001	
Totals	9	183	319	43071	34200	19000	1851	406	1508	1142	809	...	653	641	228	2084	4307	33791	30	304384	800074	

TOTAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1906.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	MEMBERS.						ADDITIONS.				LOSERS.				SUNDAY-SCHOOL.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Licentiates.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communi- cants.	Communed.	Uncon- firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re- covery.	Dismissed.	Excom- municated.	Transfer of Name.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Un- comm.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.			Stu- dents for Miss- ion.	Beneficent Purposes.	Religious Purposes.
Eastern Synod	15	230	544	11027	90533	57003	5772	544	5446	4086	1861	10	1974	1971	304	529	10607	90045	65	8141	420	6746	216
Ohio Synod	...	147	237	26163	23927	7451	800	664	1207	1264	697	2	840	840	93	210	2000	20055	16	25	532	179	730
Synod of Northwest	...	180	943	25302	18729	15431	1061	58	1346	1044	200	14	602	314	108	224	1806	12234	26	25	900	126	598
Pittsburg Synod	1	101	166	22563	18712	10619	1436	167	1060	947	670	2	1056	824	226	164	1840	14346	11	20	770	116	393
Potomac Synod	9	183	319	43071	34200	19000	1851	406	1508	1142	809	...	653	641	228	2084	4307	33791	30	64	224	240	713
German Synod of Pa.	...	66	88	15970	12371	9967	1600	21	821	782	127	...	900	263	147	66	1170	12222	12	12	507	130	907
Central Synod	...	108	121	24526	17986	12613	1185	127	1100	703	261	3	641	343	106	109	1616	14806	19	21	505	120	503
Synod of Interior	...	52	61	3542	2841	1265	137	114	190	257	100	...	161	27	15	81	720	4706	3	7	787	27	137
Total	25	1175	1748	279164	218400	134019	14402	2121	13067	10357	4034	31	6418	4351	1934	18334	24623	211904	219	6348	122	1088	806

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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, AT ITS
ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord Nineteen
Hundred and Seven. The sessions commenced on the
evening of the Fifteenth and continued until
the afternoon of the Twenty-First of
the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Grace Memorial Reformed Church of Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, October 15th, A. D. 1907, at eight o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Adam S. Weber, D.D., text Luke 11: 2.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the President led in prayer, and then declared Synod open for business. He used a gavel made from a root of the oak tree to which the late Dr. Henry Harbaugh refers in one of his books. The gavel was presented to President Weber, to be used in calling this particular Synod to order.

The provisional Synodic roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

{DELEGATES PRESENT

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers—Samuel M. Roeder, Robert L. Bair, Joseph W. Bell, Benjamin B. Royer, Charles E. Myers and Henry H. Apple.

Elders—Robert L. Motter,^{2f} John W. Gelbach,^f Alvin DeHoff,^f Henry Inners,^{2e} C. Brenton Smith,^f and Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers—Silas M. Hench, David N. Dittmar, Calvin S. Slagle, D.D., David J. Wolf, James B. Stonesifer,³ Charles W. Levan, Gustav R. Poetter,^c J. Philip Harner, Clayton H. Ranck, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., and Simon S. Miller.

Elders—Harvey S. Bomberger,^{2f} David H. Phettyplace,^e Henry C. Remsberg, Peter S. Lesh, Abram H. Geiman, George W. Crum, Cephas M. Thomas,^e William Z. Main and John Freyer.²

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers—Henri L. G. Kieffer, Franklin F. Bahner, D.D.,^f Edward O. Keen and Isaac N. Peightel.

Elders—Edward Fogelsonger,^e John Zarger and John Hawbecker.^e

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers—Thomas K. Cromer, Moses A. Kieffer, Nehemiah H. Skyles,⁴ and James R. Lewis.

Elders—Richard L. Gray,^{2e} T. Hamilton Davis, Adolph Kogelschatz,^e Sr., and Joshua B. Grove.

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers—Calvin B. Heller, Shuford Peeler, William H. Causey,^{2f} Jacob C. Leonard, D.D., Irwin S. Ditzler,^f Walter W. Rowe, George A. Snyder, D.D.,² and Charles E. Wehler, D.D.^{2f}

Elders—P. A. Peeler,³ John F. Moose and D. H. Hinkle.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers—John H. Hartman,^e E. William Stonebraker, Theodore C. Hesson,^e Francis S. Lindaman,^{2f} Walter E. Krebs, D.D., and Silas P. Mauger.^{2f}

Elders—Jacob H. Hartman,^f John Fitz,^e William Hoke,^{2e} Josiah Thoman,^e and Andrew R. Brodbeck.^f

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers—Robert J. Pilgram,² Roy E. Leinbach, Frank L. Kerr,³ and Harry W. Wissler.

Elders—Elias B. Leiby,¹ Jerome L. Ritter, J. Calvin Miller and John W. Wagner.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers—Walter E. Garrett,¹ Howard Obold, Charles W. Warlick,¹ Christian Gumbert,² John S. Heffner,¹ and Benjamin F. Bausman.

Elders—William C. Gerst,¹ John H. Stephens,¹ Daniel Q. Decker,¹ and John P. Cuppett.¹

NOTE.—The figures at the end of the name indicate the session at which the delegate took his seat. He was not present at the opening of Synod. The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. J. B. Stone-sifer during the first and second sessions; Rev. Atvill Conner occupied the seat of Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., during the fifth session; Rev. J. David Miller occupied the seat of Rev. N. H. Sykles during the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th sessions, and Rev. C. F. Althouse occupied the seat of Rev. Christian Gumbert during the first session.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members attended one or more of the sessions, to wit:

Zion's Classis—Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle.

Maryland Classis—Revs. Wm. E. Lampe, Atvill Conner, Eugene L. McLean, Louis C. Summer, J. Stewart Hartman, Martin W. Schweitzer, Licentiate Prof. J. H. Apple, Elders Ephraim Cornman, Dr. M. G. Motter and H. M. Shook.

Mercersburg Classis—Prof. Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D.

Virginia Classis—Revs. John A. Hoffheins, D.D., J. M. Souder, Prof. H. J. Benchoff, and Elder William A. Pence.

North Carolina Classis—Revs. Jos. L. Murphy, D.D., and Elder G. H. Peeler.

Gettysburg Classis—Elder Chas. M. Wolff, Esq.

Carlisle Classis—Elder E. A. Shullenberger, D. D. S.

Juniata Classis—Rev. Christian W. Summey, J. William Zehring and Chas. F. Althouse.

Eastern Synod—Revs. Wilson F. More, Paul S. Leinbach, A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., Albert S. Bromer, Cyrus J. Musser, D.D., Daniel E. Schoedler, D.D., Allen K. Faust and Prof. J. F. Buchheit.

Pittsburg Synod—Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D.

Synod of the Interior—Rev. Samuel L. Whitmore, D.D.

German Synod of the East—Rev. James D. Buehrer, Geo. M. DeFere Zacharias and Jacob S. Kosower.

Ministers of Other Churches.

Revs. Judson Swift, D.D., of the American Tract Society; Wallace Radcliffe, Samuel F. Laws and J. R. Verbryke, Presbyterian, and Rev. J. G. Butler, Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current year: Rev. Calvin B. Heller, President, Shiloh, N. C.; Elder George W. Crum, Vice-President, Jefferson, Md.; Rev. J. David Miller, Corresponding Secretary, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Rev. Isaac N. Peightel, Reading Clerk, Greencastle, Pa.; Elder Chas. M. Wolf, Esq., Treasurer, Hanover, Pa. Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, Baltimore, Md., is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order, as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, was dispensed with.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as comprising the first eight rows of pews.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of Synod, to wit: The daily session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 4:30 o'clock, with recess from 11:30 to 2 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 7:30.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services—Revs. J. M. Schick, D.D., J. R. Lewis, J. B. Stonesifer, Elders P. S. Lesh and John Freyer.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. Lloyd E. Coblentz, S. M. Roeder, T. K. Cromer, Elders D. H. Hinkle and C. M. Thomas.

Overtures—Revs. B. B. Royer, H. L. G. Kieffer, T. C. Hesson and Elders A. H. Geiman and John H. Moose.

Publication—Revs. Howard Obold, D. N. Dittmar, E. O. Keen, Elders Adolph Kogelschatz, Sr., and John Fitz.

Minutes of Classis—Revs. J. C. Leonard, D.D., F. S. Lin-

daman, B. F. Bausman, Elders P. A. Peeler and Henry C. Remsberg.

Examination, Ordination and Licensure—Revs. W. E. Krebs, D.D., F. F. Bahner, D.D., M. A. Kieffer, Elders D. H. Phettyplace and E. P. Leiby.

State of Religion and Statistics—Revs. C. W. Levan, J. W. Bell, R. J. Pilgram, Elders W. C. Gerst and G. W. Crum.

Ministerial Necrology—Revs. I. N. Peightel, R. E. Leinbach, Christian Gumbert, Elders J. S. Thoman and R. L. Gray.

Education—Revs. H. H. Apple, J. P. Harner, F. L. Kerr, Elders Wm. Hoke and T. H. Davis.

Orphans' Homes—Revs. H. W. Wissler, D. J. Wolf, S. S. Miller, Elders J. H. Stephens and John Zarger.

Missions—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., J. P. Harner, I. S. Ditzler, Elders Israel Laucks and A. R. Brodbeck.

Sunday-Schools—Revs. W. W. Rowe, C. H. Ranck, C. E. Meyers, Elders, J. C. Miller and D. Q. Decker.

Finance—Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, N. H. Skyles, G. R. Poetter, Elders R. L. Motter and John Hawbecker.

Nominations—Revs. C. S. Slagle, D.D., J. H. Hartman, S. M. Hench, Elders Jacob Hartman and J. P. Cuppett.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committees on those subjects.

2. The annual reports of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Board of Trustees were presented and read, and then the former was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for information.

3. The annual reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, annual report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, of President J. S. Stahr, D.D., Ph.D., of Franklin and Marshall College and Catalogue of Massanutten Academy, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions and the Treasurer of said Board were received, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice. The annual reports of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions and of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received. They were read and then referred to the same committee.

5. The annual report of the Board of Publication was laid before Synod in printed form, read, and, after distribution, it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The annual report of the Sunday-School Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday-School Committee.

7. The annual report of the Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home was presented to Synod, read, considered item by item and adopted.

8. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which report was received and adopted, namely:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Religious Services present the following report:

Tuesday Evening, October 15, 8 p. m.—Altar service by Rev. Henry H. Apple and Rev. Calvin B. Heller; opening sermon by the retiring President, Rev. Adam S. Weber, D.D., Baltimore, Md.; welcome to Synod, by Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C.

Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. W. F. More spoke on "Unapportioned Benevolence." Revs. Howard Obold and Benj. B. Royer assisted in the service.

Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. Paul S. Leinbach and Rev. S. L. Whitmore, D.D., spoke on Home Missions. Rev. J. C. Leonard, D.D., assisted in the service.

Friday, October 18, 7:30 p. m.—Preparatory service. Sermon by Rev. Christian Gumbert. Revs. H. L. G. Kieffer and M. A. Kieffer assisted.

Saturday, October 19, 7:30 p. m.—Foreign Missions. Sermon by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., assisted by Revs. A. K. Faust and W. E. Lampe.

Sunday, October 20—Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m. Addresses by Revs. I. N. Peightel, Shuford Peeler, J. W. Bell and R. J. Pilgram.

11 a. m.—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. C. B. Heller, assisted by Revs. W. E. Krebs, D.D., J. D. Miller and Lloyd E. Coblentz.

7:30 p. m.—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D.

First Reformed Church—10:30 a. m.—Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D.; 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. W. Wissler.

Eastern Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. E. W. Stonebraker.

Gurley Memorial Presbyterian Church—7:30 p. m., Rev. R. J. Pilgram.

Evangelical Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. I. N. Peightel.

North Carolina Methodist Protestant—7:30 p. m., Rev. S. M. Roeder.

Concordia Evangelical Protestant—11 a. m., Rev. Henry H. Apple; 7:30 p. m., Rev. E. O. Keen.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JOHN M. SCHICK, D.D.,

REV. JAMES R. LEWIS, REV. JAMES B. STONESIFER,
PETER S. LESH, JOHN FREYER.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting publicly before Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them,

to report the following items as claiming the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, p. 7. A Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed. Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D., chairman.

Item 2, p. 49. Synod, through the Classes, urges pastors to present the claims of the ministry upon young men.

Item 3, p. 49. Resolution 6, increased endowment for the Theological Seminary.

Item 4, p. 50. Resolutions 2 and 3, relative to students and endowment for Franklin and Marshall College.

Item 5, p. 51. Resolution 3, erection of new buildings for Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Item 6, p. 51. Resolutions 2 and 3, Catawba College in regard to its relation to Synod and trustees attending meeting of Board.

Item 7, p. 52. Resolutions 2 and 3, Beneficiary Education.

Item 8, p. 57. Certain vacancies on various Boards:

(a) P. 57. Board of Education—three members for three years.

(b) P. 57. Board of Regents Mercersburg College—three members for three years.

(c) P. 57. Board of Trustees Woman's College—one member for five years.

(d) P. 57. Board of Trustees F. and M. College—one member for ten years.

(e) P. 74. Board of Missions (Bi-Synodic)—one member for three years and one member for four years.

(f) P. 83. Trustees of Synod—one member for four years.

(g) P. 91. Sunday School Board—one member for five years and one member for one year.

(h) P. 95. Publication Board—one member for four years.

(i) Page 103. Deaconess Home Board—one member for four years, one member for three years, one member for two years and one member for one year.

(j) Trustees Catawba College—six nominees for three years and one nominee for two years.

Item 9, p. 72. Resolution 6, relating to remittances of money.

Item 10, p. 74. Special resolutions regarding salary of Rev. I. G. Boydstun, a foreign missionary.

Item 11, p. 95. Stated Clerk instructed to publish and distribute 3,500 copies of minutes of Synod.

Item 12, p. 95. Stated Clerk instructed to publish 50,000 copies of addresses on Education, delivered at Synod of 1906, and distribute them.

Item 13, p. 103. Board of Managers Deaconess Home to confer with Phœbe Deaconess Home at Allentown, Pa.

Item 14, p. 104. Relative to the acceptance of a gift from Elder G. W. Hoffman.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. LLOYD E. COBLENTZ,
REV. SAMUEL M. ROEDER, REV. THOS. K. CROMER,
CEPHAS M. THOMAS, J. C. MILLER.

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII, Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, see Article X, Minutes of Classes for their action on the several items; on item 5, see Article XIII, on Education; item 8 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; on item 10, see Article XIV, on Missions; on item 11, see Article XX, on Publication; and on items 13 and 14, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: To the undersigned Committee on Overtures were referred the following items:

Item 1. A communication from President Theodore Roosevelt, as follows:

“OYSTER BAY, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 1907.

“DEAR BROTHER SCHICK: May I thru you send my heartiest greetings to the Potomac Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, and also express my particular regret at not being able to greet them in person. Unfortunately, I shall be away from Washington at the time.

“With real regret, and again with hearty good wishes to the Conference, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

“THEODORE ROOSEVELT.”

Item 2. A communication from Emmanuel's Reformed Church, Hanover, Pa., inviting Synod to hold its next annual session in said church.

Item 3. A communication from the Pittsburg Synod, informing Synod of its concurrence with certain action of the faculty of the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Item 4. A communication from the General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief.

Item 5. The report of the managers of the Deaconess Home Board.

Item 6. The annual report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 7. A request from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. BENJAMIN B. ROYER,
REV. HENRI L. G. KIEFFER, REV. THEO. C. HESSON,
ELDER ABRAM H. GEIMAN, ELDER J. H. MOOSE.

Item 1 was adopted by a rising vote of Synod and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the communication. *item 2* was adopted and Synod accepted with pleasure the invitation to hold its thirty-sixth annual meeting in Emmanuel Reformed Church, Hanover, Pa.; *item 3* was referred to the Standing Committee on Education and action upon it will be found under Article XIII; *item 4*, the request was granted and referred to the Classes for their co-operation, see request under Article XXI, Miscellaneous; *item 5* was adopted item by item, relating to Deaconess Work, see report under Article XXI, Miscellaneous; *item 6*, the cause was commended in special action, for this, with the report, see Article XXI, Miscellaneous; and *item 7* was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, see Article XIV.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to submit the following:

I.—Irregularities.

The retiring President of Synod reports that but few of the Stated Clerks complied with the rule of Synod, requiring the said officers to forward the report on religion and statistics of their respective Classes to the said President ten days prior to the meeting of Synod.

II.—Matters Referred by Synod.

1. Zion's Classis took favorable action on the recommendations of Synod, with the following exceptions:

(a) The apportionment of \$205 for the Science Building was not assumed.

(b) The Classis did not see its way clear to assume the apportionment of \$95 for Catawba College, but favorably commends the institution to the liberality of the people.

(c) This Classis declines to reapportion the arrearages of \$61.14, due on Science Building, and \$203 on Catawba College appropriation.

(d) The Classis refused to adopt Synod's recommendation for increasing the circulation of the *Reformed Church Messenger*.

2. Maryland Classis adopted all the recommendations of Synod with the exception of the apportionment of \$785 for Church Building, and the Classis asks to be excused for not assuming the said amount on account of church building work in Baltimore and elsewhere.

3. Mercersburg Classis adopted all the recommendations of Synod except the apportionment of \$310 for Church Building and \$130 for the Science Building.

4. Virginia Classis took favorable action on the recommendations of Synod with the exception of the sums of \$200 for Church Building and \$35 for Catawba College.

5. The Classis of North Carolina took favorable action on the recommendations of Synod with the following exceptions;

(a) The Classis did not assume the sum of \$140 for Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, but favorably commended these causes to pastors and people.

(b) The sum of \$25 for the Theological Seminary was assumed instead of \$250 apportioned by Synod.

(c) The apportionment of \$150 for the Science Building was not assumed.

(d) Classis asks to be excused from the payment of \$80 arrearage on the Science Building.

(e) The Classis makes the following answer to Synod's request for organic relation with Catawba College:

"WHEREAS, The Synod of the Potomac has requested the Classis of North Carolina to take such action as would involve a change in the charter of Catawba College;

"*Resolved*, That we cheerfully note the request of the Synod for such action, taking this, as we do, as an expression of the deep interest felt by the Synod in our institution.

"*Resolved*, That while we feel deeply grateful to the Synod

for this new manifestation of interest in Catawba College, we do not feel that the discussion of this question at this time among our people in the South would be profitable, inasmuch as it would involve a change in the charter of the institution and a disturbance of the traditions of the past.

“Resolved, That we pledge anew our confidence in the compact of 1896, and assure the Synod of our hearty appreciation of the sympathy and help extended to us.

6. Gettysburg Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod except the following:

(a) Classis assumed only \$1,800 of the sum of \$2,450 for Home Missions; \$1,110 of the sum of \$1,750 for Foreign Missions.

(b) The Classis declined to accept any part of the following apportionments: Science Building, \$220; Theological Seminary, \$360; Church Building, \$355; Catawba College, \$95.

This Classis calls the attention of Synod to an error in the printed minutes, viz: the substitution of the name of Elder Jacob D. Zehring for that of Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., on the Board of Trustees of Synod.

This Classis also decided to credit the offerings on Foreign Mission Day on the apportionment for that cause, until the said apportionment is paid in full, instead of making it an offering over and above the apportionment.

7. Carlisle Classis adopted all of Synod's recommendations except that it did not assume the apportionment of \$220 for Church Building, and explains that the reason of this is extensive local church building work.

8. Juniata Classis took favorable action on all of Synod's recommendations with the following exceptions:

(a) The Classis did not assume the apportionment of \$510 for Church Building.

(b) The Classis assumed \$380 instead of \$480 for Beneficiary Education.

III.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

1. Zion's Classis ordained Licentiates Robert S. Edris and Edwin M. Sands; received Rev. Samuel M. Roeder, from Maryland Classis; Licentiate Robert S. Edris, from the German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East; Licentiate Edwin M. Sands, from Lebanon Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Charles A. Waltman, from Carlisle Classis; Rev. Amandus H. Herbst, from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod. Dismissed Rev. J. Kern McKee, to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Rev. Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D., to Gettysburg Classis; Rev. Irwin S. Ditzler, to North Carolina Classis; Rev. Hiram

J. Hillegas, to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Howard A. Althouse, to Schuylkill Classis, Eastern Synod.

2. Maryland Classis received Rev. Thomas S. Land, D.D., from Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Louis C. Summer, from Miami Classis, Ohio Synod.

3. Mercersburg Classis dismissed Rev. Edward S. Lamar, to Juniata Classis; Rev. Preston A. DeLong, to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod.

4. Virginia Classis dismissed Rev. S. A. Hitner, to Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. Benjamin K. Hay, to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod; lost Rev. Lewis T. Lampe by death.

5. North Carolina Classis received Rev. Irwin S. Ditzler, from Zion's Classis; Rev. E. Garver Williams, D.D., from Eastern Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod; Licentiate J. Lindy Yearick, from Tohickon Classis, Eastern Synod. Dismissed Rev. Lucian W. Showers, to Clarion Classis, Pittsburg Synod; Licentiate Wm. S. Clapp, to Lehigh Classis, Eastern Synod.

6. Gettysburg Classis received Licentiate Wm. A. Yeisley, from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; Rev. Wm. A. Korn, Ph.D., from Zion's Classis. Dismissed Rev. Jacob N. Faust, to Tohickon Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, to Juniata Classis.

7. Carlisle Classis received Rev. Stephen L. Flickinger, from Iowa Classis, Synod of the Interior; Rev. Abner K. Kremer, D.D., from Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod. Dismissed George A. Hanse, to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Charles A. Waltman, to Zion's Classis.

8. Juniata Classis received Rev. Wm. H. Miller, from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. E. S. Lamar, from Mercersburg Classis; Licentiate Charles E. Rupp, from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and ordained him to the Gospel ministry; Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, from Gettysburg Classis; Rev. James Rily Bergey, from Tohickon Classis, Eastern Synod. Dismissed Rev. E. C. Musselman, to St. Paul's Classis, Pittsburg Synod. Lost Rev. George Elias Lemberg by death.

IV.—Time and Place of Next Annual Meetings of Classis.

1. Zion's Classis will meet in Zion's Reformed Church, York, Pa., Monday, May 11, A. D. 1908, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. Samuel M. Roeder, President; Rev. Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

2. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church, Cavetown, Md., Wednesday, May 13, A. D. 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, President; Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, Stated Clerk; Rev. C. S. Slagle, D.D., Treasurer.

preceding year. The report of last year gave an average of \$1.95 per member for this cause; this year the average per member amounts to \$2.41, with a total increase of twenty-five per cent. Such a continued rate of increase argues a substantial growth of the spirit of liberality rather than a spasmodic response to special requests. It indicates that the good works of the church are being consistently urged upon the people by their pastors with generous returns. In several reports, regret is expressed in reference to deficiencies in meeting the apportionment, but these instances are few, and in the majority of cases the offerings are in excess of the apportioned amounts.

Ministers have been faithful in the performance of pulpit and pastoral duties and their efforts have been rewarded in the increase in the number of communicants, although the average of results in this respect is not large. In some sections there has been increased attendance on the services of the church, while in other sections the indifference of church members is lamented. Certainly there is a great disparity between the number of communicants and the number communed, twenty-two per cent. of the membership being found in the latter class. This fact is much to be regretted, for although it is partly due to the removal of members, who have not been dismissed to other congregations, it is in great part attributable to the neglect of many who are unfaithful to their confirmation vows.

The need of more ministers, mentioned in the report of last year, continues to press upon the Church with even greater insistence. Fourteen charges are reported vacant, as compared with nine last year, and there are six less students for the ministry. The preaching of sermons on Seminary Day and the discussion of this question do not seem to have had much effect. It should be the prayer and effort of every pastor that young men may respond to the call of the Lord to help in the work of His kingdom. Above all things, individual work is needed to impress the claims of the service of the Lord upon the minds and hearts of the youth of our congregations.

There have been a large number of losses in the membership of the churches, almost one-quarter of the total being caused by erasure of names. It is sad, indeed, that so many members should prove indifferent and faithless and that such a purging of the rolls should be necessary.

We report with sorrow the death of two ministers during the past year, the Rev. George E. Limbert, of Altoona, and the Rev. L. T. Lampe, formerly of Lovettsville, Va. Elder

Jacob N. Slagle, a prominent member of Emmanuel congregation, Hanover, Pa., and an efficient member of the Board of Trustees of Potomac Synod.

All in all, the condition of the churches is gratifying and the progress of the past year should lead us not only to express our thankfulness to Almighty God, but to ask His continued help that greater things may be attempted and accomplished in the name and for the sake of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. CHARLES W. LEVAN,
 REV. JOSEPH W. BELL, REV. ROBT. J. PILGRAM,
 ELDER W. C. GERST, ELDER GEO. W. CRUM.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

On Wednesday the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary was received, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Education; the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, the report on the Increased Endowment of the Seminary, the report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College, of the Principals of Franklin and Marshall Academy and of the College Increased Endowment Fund, the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the report of the Board of Trustees of Woman's College, Frederick, Md., the report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, and the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education were received, read and with catalogues of the institutions named and a catalogue of Massanutten Academy were referred to the Standing Committee on Education, which reported as found below, and their report was adopted.

The several reports are as follows:

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The Board of Visitors met in annual session May 6-8, 1907, and re-organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President, and the undersigned Secretary. From the report of the faculty and the transactions of the Board, we present the following items for your consideration:

1. The Seminary year began September 12, 1906. No interruption by reason of illness on the part of either the pro-

of the Seminary require it. In the meantime the several branches of the Department of Practical Theology are to be in charge of the other members of the faculty. Dr. Bowman, however, is to continue his course of lectures on Pastoral Theology before the Senior Class, and perform such other class-room work as his time may allow.

Furthermore, in view of the fact that the Seminary needs to be represented on many occasions before the Church at large, it ought to have careful supervision of its buildings and grounds, as well as thorough internal organization and discipline, we beg leave to suggest to your Board that in place of the President of the Faculty, two officers be appointed, namely, a President of the Seminary and a Dean of the Faculty.

The President is to have charge of the external affairs of the institution, preside at the meetings of the Faculty and at the services of anniversary week. He shall represent the Faculty before the Board of Trustees, and attend to such matters in the Church as will advance the general welfare of the Seminary.

The Dean is to have charge of the internal affairs of the institution. In the absence of the President, he shall preside at the meetings of the Faculty. He shall arrange the curriculum for each semester, represent the Faculty before the Board of Visitors and in the official relations between the students and the Faculty, such as the granting of excuses, giving leave of absence and preparing for special meetings and services throughout the year, etc. In co-operation with the President and another member of the Faculty to be appointed annually, he shall prepare the catalogue for publication and distribution. He shall also take charge of the Seminary announcements and advertisements in the secular and religious papers and periodicals.

It is the judgment of the Faculty that Professor J. C. Bowman, D.D., should be appointed President of the Seminary, and Professor William C. Schaeffer, D.D., Dean of the Faculty. This plan of organization is to become operative immediately after the eighty-second anniversary.

We respectfully submit these recommendations for your consideration and approval.

(Signed)

F. A. GAST,
President of the Faculty.

(Signed) GEORGE W. RICHARDS,
Secretary of the Faculty.

The following action was taken by the Board:

A. The Board of Visitors approves of Dr. Bomwan's continuance in the financial agency and the arrangements which have been made by the Faculty for instruction in his department.

B. The Board of Visitors approves of the re-organization of the Faculty, by the election of a President of the Seminary and a Dean of the Faculty, with powers and responsibilities as defined in the paper submitted to the Board, and it advises the selection of Rev. Jno. C. Bowman, D.D., as President of the Seminary, and of Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., as Dean of the Faculty.

C. *Resolved*, That this action of the Board be submitted to the three Synods owning and controlling the Seminary at their next annual meetings for their approval and authorization.

12. The term of Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., as a member of the Board expires 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, Secretary.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 1, 1907.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

► DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find a copy of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

At the May meeting, the following officers were elected: President, John W. Appel, Esq.; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth; and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, There exists an inequality in the salaries of the Professors in the Seminary, and the cost of living has greatly increased of late years, and it is the sense of the Board that the salaries of the professors should be increased and equalized; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees recommend to the Eastern Synod that the salaries of the Professors of Dogmatic Theology, of Church History and of Old Testament Theology be increased to the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars a year, the increase to be raised by the Synod by an annual appropriation of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars, for increase of professors' salaries, until such time as the permanent endowment shall be sufficient to meet it.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate six

thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars toward the payment of the deficit and the current expenses of the Seminary, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$3,000 00
Potomac Synod.....	2,000 00
Pittsburgh Synod	1,000 00

The term of William R. Barnhart expires in 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer, in Account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

For sundry interests and incomes received from October 1, 1906, to September 25, 1907.....	\$8,735 06
Sept. 25. Amount of balance due Endowment Fund.....	9,952 50
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	\$18,687 56

CR.

By salary accounts and sundry bills paid per vouchers, from October 1, 1906, to September 20, 1907.....	\$18,687 56
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1907. LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Oct. 1. Amount of Fund is	\$2,293 30
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1906. DR.

Oct. 1. For balance due Fund.....	\$12 63
1907.	
April 19. For cash received of Rev. C. Noss, librarian	150 00
Oct. 1. For interest due to date.....	103 29
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	\$265 92

CR.

1907.	
Oct. 1. By sundry bills paid by Treasurer for books bought by Seminary faculty to date	160 84
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Balance due Fund, Oct. 1, 1907..	\$105 08

SMALTZ FUND FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

1907.	
Oct. 1. Amount of Fund is.....	\$5,000 00

DR.

For interest due to Oct. 1, 1907.....	\$250 00
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CR.

By interest paid to Oct. 1, 1907.....	250 00
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WILLIAM A. WILT FUND FOR ENDOWMENT.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	William A. Wilt Fund is	\$833 33
		Interest on same to Oct. 1, 1907, is accounted for in Seminary Treasurer's current expense account.	

SCHAFF PRIZE FUND IN CHURCH HISTORY.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Rev. Dr. Schaff Prize Fund is	\$2,000 75

DR.

For interest due to Oct. 1, 1907.....	\$100 00
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CR.

By balance due Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1906..	\$3 49
By prize paid May 7, 1907, per award of Committee on same.....	100 00

 \$103 49

Amount Dr. brought down.....	100 00
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Due Seminary Treasurer	\$3 49
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JACOB L. RIEGEL ENDOWMENT FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Jacob L. Riegel Endowment Fund is	\$15,680 00
		Interest on same to date accounted for in Treasurer's current expense account.	

SEMINARY CLASS '92 PRIZE FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Prize Fund of Seminary Class '92 is	\$514 11

DR.

1907.			
May	8.	For balance due fund.....	\$4 50
"	8.	For interest to date.....	25 70
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			\$30 20

CR.

1907.			
May	8.	By price paid per award of committee..	20 00
"	8.	Amount due Fund.....	<hr/>
			\$10 20

JACOB FORNEY SEMINARY ALCOVE FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Jacob Forney Alcove Fund is	\$1,000 00

DR.

1906.			
Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$50 95
1907.			
Oct.	1.	For interest to date.....	45 00
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			\$95 95

Cr.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	By sundry bills paid for books bought by Seminary faculty for Alcove, to date..	38 38
"	1.	Amount due Fund	<u>\$57 57</u>

ANDREW KEISER AND CATHARINE W. SCHRIVER LIBRARY ALCOVE FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,000 00

Dr.

		For balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1906	\$89 62
		For interest to Oct. 1, 1907.....	45 00
			<u>\$134 62</u>

Cr.

		By sundry bills paid to Oct. 1, 1907, for books bought by Seminary faculty..	83 65
		Amount due Fund Oct. 1, 1907.....	<u>\$50 97</u>

HENRY WIRT ALCOVE FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Henry Wirt Alcove Fund is.....	\$1,000 00

Dr.

		For balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1906.....	\$57 09
		For interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1907..	45 00
			<u>\$102 09</u>

Cr.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	By sundry bills paid to Oct. 1, 1907, for books bought by Seminary Faculty..	56 73
"	1.	Amount due Fund	<u>\$45 36</u>

REV. JOHN I. SWANDER, D.D., FUND.

1907.			
May	23.	Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., Fund is	\$4,000 00

JACOB Y. DIETZ LIBRARY FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Jacob Y. Dietz Library Fund is.....	\$4,000 00

Dr.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$121 37
		For interest to Oct. 1, 1907.....	180 00
			<u>\$301 37</u>

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		By sundry bills paid to Oct. 1, 1907, for books bought by Seminary Faculty..	111 79
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1907.			
Oct.	1.	Amount due Fund	<u>\$189 58</u>

JACOB Y. DIETZ PRIZE FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Jacob Y. Dietz Prize Fund is.....	\$2,000 00
		Dr.	
		For interest to May 8, 1907.....	\$100 00
		Cr.	
May	8.	By prize paid per award of committee..	100 00

SEMINARY CLASS '94 ALCOVE FUND.

1907.			
Oct.	1.	Amount of notes placed in Treasurer's hands for collection July 1, 1894.....	\$981 00
		Notes paid to Oct. 1, 1907, cash.....	\$643 00
		Notes unpaid to Oct. 1, 1907.....	338 00
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			981 00
		Amount of cash received, brought down.	\$643 00
1907.			
Oct.	1.	Interest on same to date.....	189 83
1907.			
Oct.	1.	Cash in hand.....	\$832 83

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AID FUND.

DR.

1906.		For amount received from—	
Oct.	17.	W. H. Leinbach, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$405 98
Nov.	5.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	289 42
1907.			
Jan.	4.	Trinity Reformed Church, York	18 49
"	4.	St. Stephen's Church, York.....	3 37
"	5.	W. H. Leinbach, Treasurer of Eastern Synod....	249 42
Feb.	16.	R. Monroe Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.	45 00
Mar.	15.	R. Monroe Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.	25 00
April	1.	R. Monroe Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.	32 50
"	8.	A. Spangler, Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod.....	7 01
May	4.	R. Monroe Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.	490 42
"	4.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	250 00
"	10.	A. Spangler, for Potomac Synod.....	13 50
"	15.	S. M. Roeder, for Potomac Synod.....	15 44
"	23.	R. Monroe Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.	200 70
"	29.	A. J. Heller, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod.....	625 00
June	1.	R. Monroe Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.	217 07
"	17.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	135 31
July	2.	R. M. Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.....	19 00
Aug.	1.	R. M. Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.....	48 00
"	14.	C. M. Wolff, Treasurer of Potomac Synod.....	139 00
"	15.	A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	500 00
Sept.	24.	R. M. Hoffman, Treasurer of Eastern Synod.....	57 25
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			\$3,786 88

CR.

1907.			
Mar.	28.	By interest paid on John S. Herr loan of August 11, 1906, for building	\$127 78
		By interest paid to Oct. 1, 1907, on Endowment Funds balance due by current expense account.....	\$9,221 96

**SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND FROM
OCTOBER 1, 1906, TO OCTOBER 1, 1907.**

Eastern Synod.

Lancaster Classis.....	\$106 00	
Tohickon Classis	1,212 00	
Lehigh Classis	2,689 00	
Reading Classis	1,635 00	
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Pittsburgh Synod.

Allegheny Classis.....	1,000 00	
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Potomac Synod.

Zion's Classis	5,250 00	
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Total	\$11,892 00	
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**PAYMENTS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND FROM
OCTOBER 1, 1906, TO OCTOBER 1, 1907.**

Eastern Synod.

East Pennsylvania Classis.....	\$95 00	
Lebanon Classis	110 00	
Philadelphia Classis.....	25 00	
Lancaster Classis	341 10	
East Susquehanna Classis	90 00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	60 00	
Tohickon Classis	504 50	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	65 00	
Lehigh Classis.....	1,809 00	
Schuylkill Classis.....	45 00	
Wyoming Classis	80 00	
Reading Classis	1,240 00	
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Potomac Synod.

Zion's Classis	\$500 00	
Maryland Classis	820 00	
Mercersburg Classis.....	15 00	
Virginia Classis.....	220 00	
Gettysburg Classis.....	35 00	
Carlisle Classis	110 00	
Juniata Classis	155 00	
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Pittsburgh Synod.

Westmoreland Classis.....	\$250 00	
Clarion Classis	90 00	
St. Paul's Classis	25 00	
Somerset Classis.....	20 00	
Allegheny Classis.....	1,370 00	
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Rev. J. F. Vornholt, Jeffersonville, Ind.....	20 00	

Total received from October 1, 1906, to October 1, 1907. **\$8,094 60**
October 5, 1907. Examined and found correct.

JOHN W. APPEL,
JOHN HERTZLER.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is encouraging to note that the enrollment of students in Franklin and Marshall College during the present year is larger than ever before and that the actual attendance in the college classes has gone beyond the two hundred mark. There are 220 names on the roll of the college and 200 on the roll of the academy. Deducting sixteen names, which are given twice, the enrollment for the college and academy is 404. This fact is gratifying, in the first place, because it shows that Franklin and Marshall College is more than holding its own, that the efficiency of work in the institution and the efforts made to keep the college before the community are appreciated, and that the reputation of the college is constantly growing. In the second place, it is additional evidence, corroborating the evidence accumulating throughout the country, that the small college, as over against the university, is not being crowded out of the field. A few years ago it was apparent that the enlargement of the courses of study in the large universities, the introduction of a wide range of electives, and the glamour of large numbers, conspired to induce many young men to flock to the large universities. Besides this, there were not lacking indications that some of the larger universities were arranging their work with a view to the elimination of the small college, so as to get students to pass at once from the high school to the university. Carefully-prepared statistics show that throughout the country the relative increase of students is larger in the small colleges than in the great universities, and that, therefore, the fear which many have entertained as to the future of the denominational colleges and the smaller institutions of learning is really groundless. The best authorities of the country are of the opinion that, other things being equal, the best place for a young man to secure a liberal education and to develop sound character is in the college, and that the proper function of the university is in furnishing graduate courses and professional instruction to young men who have already taken their first degree; that the judgment of the best educators will ultimately prevail and commend itself to the candidates for higher education is reasonably certain, provided only that the standard of efficiency is kept sufficiently high in the small college.

To meet the demands which may be reasonably made of an institution which professes to offer a liberal education to its patrons, three things are necessary. First, a scientifically arranged course of study, including for all students

certain elements which are deemed essential, and making room, at the same time, by a properly-guarded system of elective studies, for differences in mental aptitudes and tastes, as well as studies which are necessary as preliminary qualifications for technical or professional study. Secondly, a sufficiently large corps of teachers to secure for the individual students that degree of personal attention and close intercourse which are essential to the proper training of young men at the age when they usually go to college. These teachers, as college professors, are to be not simply instructors but educators, that is, men who take a personal interest in their students, and help to mold their life and character as well as develop and discipline their intellectual powers. It is no doubt true that the German universities take the lead in scholarship among the institutions of learning throughout the world, but there is something to be said in favor of the English system, prevailing at Oxford and Cambridge, where the students are brought into personal contact with the masters and fellows of the college to which they belong. The small college must, in the nature of the case, furnish something of this kind if its work is to be successful. Thirdly, there must be a healthy moral tone in the atmosphere of college life. The literary societies, the Greek letter fraternities, literary and musical clubs and athletic associations all have their office, and they must be so regulated as to hold their legitimate place in the life of the institution. The athletic spirit is fraught with danger and needs to be carefully handled. The dangers are much less, and the proper control of a disposition which, in its true place, is perfectly legitimate in young men, is much easier in the small college than in the large universities, where the enormous gate receipts, the spirit of gambling, and the tendency to excesses and dissipation furnish temptations which it is not easy for young men to resist.

It is highly important, therefore, that in all these respects Franklin and Marshall College should take no backward step. The Faculty are doing what they can to meet what is required under the last head. Efforts are made constantly to lay stress on class-room work and study, and to prevent young men from becoming members of athletic teams or the glee club if their scholarship is not sufficiently good to admit of their making such sacrifices of time as these interests may require. It is not always possible to prevent encroachment upon class-room work by such outside interests; but it is believed that these interests are managed in such a way as to do a minimum amount of harm, and to secure an over-balancing amount of advantage in the way of better health, less rowdy-

ism in other directions, greater enthusiasm, and a higher degree of loyalty and devotion to the college.

The work of instruction in the various departments in general has been faithfully and efficiently carried forward during the present year and it is pleasant to testify of the zeal and interest manifested by the different professors, not only in their class-room work, but also in the general welfare of the students individually and collectively. The scientific equipment of the college is quite ample for the present needs of the institution. There is room for enlargement and improvement, especially in the college library, which could render much more efficient service if larger means for the purchase of books were at hand. The report of the librarian will give detailed information concerning the work of the library during the present year. The museum has been furnished with a set of new cases and the valuable collection of minerals in possession of the college is now being arranged in such a way as to be available for use and study. The additions made to the department of physics in the equipment of the electrical department have added much to the efficient working of this department. On the whole, it may be said, without fear of contradiction, that there are few, if any, colleges of the size of Franklin and Marshall that offer better equipment or facilities in the lines of biology, chemistry and physics than are available here for all who choose to avail themselves of them.

A careful scrutiny of the class rolls reveals some interesting facts. In the first place, whilst the whole number of students has increased to a very satisfactory degree, it is apparent that a considerable proportion of the number are not candidates for a degree, but come under the head of special students. Their purpose is not to get a complete liberal education, but such preliminary knowledge in different departments of study as will enable them to enter to the best advantage upon courses of professional or technical study. The college, of course, is glad to offer such facilities as are at hand to all who are in a position to make use of them, and a few years ago the Board of Trustees specifically resolved that encouragement be offered to young men to make use of the splendid scientific equipment now at hand since the completion of the Science Building. It will be found that at least ten per cent. of the whole number of students come under this head and that their work is taken mainly with the Freshmen and Sophomore classes. The reason is not far to seek and the circumstances are such as to warrant the inference that the proportion will increase. The fact is, that the

policy pursued especially by medical colleges, to lengthen the course of study in medicine and to refuse to make allowance in time for work done in the literary colleges, be it ever so thorough and meritorious, in the nature of the case, discourages young men from taking a full college course. It places the college student, in respect to the length of time required in his medical course, on the same plane with the graduate of an ordinary high school or academy, who is barely prepared to enter the Freshman class. Young men find, by their own experience, when they get to a medical school, that they need certain preliminary training before they can advantageously pursue a course of medical study, and, therefore, they are willing to take one or two years in college before they go to a medical school. It ought to be evident to all thoughtful persons that a young man whose mind is well disciplined and whose judgment matured by careful training in a course of liberal study, and one who has learned how to work successfully in a laboratory, will accomplish much more in less time than his fellow student who has had no such advantage. This policy of the medical colleges, therefore, is most unfortunate. It lays stress upon the wrong end of training for a successful career in professional life. Recently, however, the University of Pennsylvania has taken a step in advance by requiring a higher order of preparation for entrance upon the medical course, and it is proposed to advance requirements for entrance until they shall include at least two years of college work. It is a pity that medical colleges cannot all range themselves with Harvard and Johns Hopkins, which require a full course of collegiate study as a preliminary requirement. But, taking things as they are, it is of the highest importance, as has already been said, that the work done in all the departments of collegiate study should be thorough and adequate for all the requirements which will be made upon it, and to this end, the number of men engaged in this work must be sufficient to do it full justice without overworking those who have charge of it. The highest degree of efficiency will not only redound to the credit of the college, but it will also be the best advertisement and the surest recommendation of the institution.

1. As stated in my report last year, our professors are all heavily taxed, and some of them are over-loaded with work, and help is urgently needed to make the instruction full and thorough in all the departments. There ought to be especially an additional man so as to re-arrange the work in the mathematical department and make room for a re-adjustment of study in other directions. I would respectfully

recommend that such an addition to the faculty be made as early as possible. In another respect, also, the professors are heavily taxed, and they ought to be relieved as soon as possible. It is well known that the cost of living has greatly advanced, and it needs no argument to prove that a salary of, say \$1,500 a year, is not adequate compensation for a college professor. The time and money spent in qualifying himself for his work, the importance of maintaining a certain standard of living, the necessity of buying books to keep abreast with the progress made in his department of study and the desirability of keeping in touch with associations for the advancement of learning and educational bodies, make demands upon the resources of a live teacher which cannot be met at this rate of compensation. While, perhaps, nothing can be done in this line immediately, it is certainly to be hoped that the way will open speedily for an improvement in this respect.

2. So far as the financial situation is concerned, it is only possible at this time to report progress. Information has been received during the year that by the will of Samuel Fouse, deceased, of Somerset, Pa., the college has been made the residuary legatee of the estate. No doubt, the Finance Committee will look after the interests of the college in this matter. Detailed figures will be furnished in the reports of the treasurer and of my assistant, Mr. Hartman. The work of securing contributions in the field for the general endowment fund and of raising the required amount for the erection of the new Academy building has been going on as rapidly as possible and with reasonable success, quite as much success as could be expected under existing conditions. Both Mr. Hartman and Mr. Buchheit have been rendering efficient service, both in securing funds and in bringing the interests of the college before the people in a way that will inure largely to the advantage of the college in the future. The work ought to go forward without let or hindrance, not only until the \$150,000 are pledged, but until the amount is actually secured for the endowment fund, over and above the cost of collection and the amount required to repay what was advanced for the wiping out of the debt on the Science Building. The prospects of having a new Academy building and a larger preparatory school offers a most encouraging outlook for the future of the college: but the situation is such that special efforts will have to be put forth on behalf of the Academy, and Mr. Hartman's time and labors will be needed for that interest. Again, a large portion of the territory from which additions to the endowment fund are expected

has been canvassed, and, whilst there is ample room for work, it is hardly possible to secure an open door so as to keep two men at work. It is, therefore, recommended that during the summer vacation Mr. Hartman be retained in his present position to canvass for new students for the college and academy, to supervise the erection of the new building and to secure additional funds for the college endowment and for the new building; that after the opening of the next college year, in September, he be allowed to devote his time mainly to the management of the academy, to collecting additional funds for the new building, and to teaching, and that his salary from the college be discontinued after that date. I would, however, recommend that, on account of his familiarity with the present financial work, with the field in which it is done, and with certain situations that should develop to the advantage of the college, some arrangement be made whereby Mr. Hartman may have authority during the coming year to collect the pledges hitherto secured and to give such direction and assistance in the prosecution of the endowment movement as his work at the academy may permit. To continue the work in the field during the coming year until it is carried to a successful issue, it is recommended that the services of Mr. Buchheit be retained to prosecute the work and to render such general assistance in the field as may be required.

The faculty has found it necessary to adopt and enforce new regulations concerning absences from recitations and from college. The rules hitherto in force have been revised and extracts from the same, together with the new regulations, have been printed in pamphlet form to be put into the hands of the students for their information and guidance. A copy of this pamphlet is herewith submitted.

3. Courses of instruction in the English Bible have been arranged for all the college classes, two of the classes taking up Old Testament studies and two of them studies in the New Testament. These classes have been conducted by the President and Dr. William C. Schaeffer, of the Theological Seminary. Dr. Schaeffer has rendered very efficient service and he is willing to continue, at least for another year, under existing conditions. He has done this work gratuitously, feeling the very great importance of it, and his self-denying labors deserve the grateful recognition of the college.

4. It is hoped that the personnel of the faculty will, in the main, continue as it was last year, and, after consultation with the Committee of Instruction and their approval, I recommend that Prof. Beck be re-appointed to the chair of

assistant professor in chemistry, Prof. Chambers, the authorities of the Theological Seminary concurring, to the chair of oratory, and Mr. McLaughlin as physical instructor and director of the gymnasium, on the same conditions as last year.

5. The following members of the Senior Class received the degree of A.B.:

David Frederick Aungst,
Arthur Wilbert Barley,
Paul Jared Bickel,
Robert Crane Byerly,
Robert Henry DeLong,
John Alvin Ditzler,
James Wolf Evans,
Rodney Yonkers Gilbert,
Walter Leopold Graul,
William Chester Greenawalt,
Alfred David Horne,
James Meredith Irwin,
Richard Fulton Kieffer,
Waldemar Frederick Krumbein,
John Nevin Land,
Carl Graydon Leech,

Homer Deems Leh,
William Lawson Machmer,
Ira Snively Monn,
James Blaine Musser,
Willis Stanley Nichols,
Lewis Evans Riegner,
Horace Albert Shiffer,
Robert Barclay Simmons, Jr.,
Howard Ernest Slagenhaup,
John F. Marchand Snyder,
Frederick Keller Stamm,
James Ralph Ulsh,
H. Highberger Whitehead,
Bernard Lichliter Whitmore,
Wm. McCullough Workman,
Paul Daniel Yoder,

Robert Mathias Zacharias.

The following members of the Senior class received the degree of Ph.B.:

Grover Cleveland Chandlee,
Winfield Peter DeLong,
Ward Vinton Evans,
Horace Foster Ewing,
Hiram Ward Fisher,
Thomas Jefferson Geist,

Grover Cleveland Holder,
Horace Mann Hull,
James Frederick Magee,
Linnæus Landis Reist,
Melvin George Welker,
John Edwin Danaher.

6. The following two gentlemen, having completed, with credit, the prescribed course of study and complied with all the conditions and regulations provided, are hereby recommended by the Faculty for the degree of Ph.D.: Rev. Geo. A. Butz and Rev. H. M. J. Klein.

7. The following honorary degrees are recommended: D.D., Rev. Prof. Christopher Noss and Rev. Oscar S. Krubel.

8. The President of the College, as a member of the International Sunday-School Lesson Committee, feeling the importance of attending the World's Sunday-School Convention, to be held in Rome, May 17th, and a joint meeting of the American and British Sections of the Lesson Committee, in London, June 21st, asked the officers of the Board of Trustees and the Committee on Instruction for leave of absence, which was cheerfully granted. He regrets very much that this will necessitate his absence from the present Commencement, but the circumstances seem not only to warrant, but to require attendance at these meetings, and he hopes that the Board of Trustees will excuse his absence.

With best wishes for a successful Commencement, this report is respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. STAHR.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

At the request of the President and Faculty, the undersigned occupies the position of President *ad interim* during the absence of Dr. Stahr. He is pleased to report that the condition of the college continues satisfactory, and that he has been treated with all possible courtesy and respect by professors and students. It becomes his duty to announce to the Board that Dr. Frank Clifton Smith has resigned the professorship of Modern Languages, in a communication dated on the 11th day of May, and that it will be the duty of the Board to take such action as may be necessary under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. DUBBS.

Statement of Subscriptions and Payments Made June, 1903, to June 7, 1907, for Increasing the Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, and for the Erection of a New Building for Franklin and Marshall Academy.

EASTERN SYNOD.

(For Endowment.)

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
New Goshenhoppen, Montgomery Co.....	\$1,650.00	\$1,600.00
McKeensburg, Schuylkill Co.....	115.00	90.00
Allentown, St. John's.....	1,235.00	885.00
Allentown, Salem's.....	750.00	700.50
Allentown, Zion's.....	200.00	100.00
Reading, St. Paul's.....	6,640.00	3,330.00
Reading, Second Church.....	810.00	410.00
Reading, First Church.....	975.00	625.00
Reading, St. Stephen's.....	325.00	100.00
Reading, Olivet and Epler's.....	395.00	125.00
Reading, St. Andrew's.....	2,485.00	385.00
Howertown, Northampton Co.....	400.00	400.00
Kutztown, Berks Co.....	410.00	195.00
Congregation not named.....	10,655.00	10,455.00
Riegelsville.....	*5,150.00	5,150.00
Hummelstown, Dauphin Co.....	325.00	300.00
Harrisburg, Salem's.....	1,555.00	655.00
Lansdale, Montgomery Co.....	200.00	90.00
Fort Washington, Montgomery Co.....	500.00	500.00
Lykens Valley Charge, Dauphin Co.....	147.00	105.00
Bernville, Berks Co.....	195.00	145.00
Pottstown, Trinity.....	500.00	297.50

Egypt Charge, Lehigh Co.	810.00	680.00
Lower Saucon Charge, Northampton Co.	405.00	280.00
Applebachsville, Bucks Co.	75.00	75.00
Easton, First Church	1,010.00	810.00
Nittany Valley Charge, Center Co.	570.00	348.00
Quakertown, Bucks Co.	320.00	90.00
Richlandtown, Bucks Co.	240.00	160.00
North Wales, Montgomery Co.	†550.00	375.00
New Holland Charge, Lancaster Co.	758.00	578.00
Hamburg, Berks Co.	415.00	300.00
Salem (Heller's), Lancaster Co.	1,582.00	475.00
South Bethlehem, Northampton Co.	505.00	270.00
Sunbury, First Church.	1,303.00	1,065.00
Allentown, Salisbury	502.00	252.00
Mahanoy Charge, Schuylkill Co.	600.00	420.00
West Leesport Charge, Berks Co.	1,051.50	773.00
Old Goshenhoppen, Montgomery Co.	977.50	757.50
Mifflinburg, Union Co.	1,911.00	560.00
Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co.	494.00	74.00
Spinnerstown Charge, Montgomery Co.	871.00	276.00
White Deer Charge, Union Co.	325.00	105.00
Freeland, Schuylkill Co.	116.50	116.50
Siegfried, Northampton Co.	260.00	185.00
Annaville, Lebanon Co.	1,425.00	25.00
Telford, Bucks Co.	95.00	5.00
Bellefonte, Center Co.	‡275.00	100.00
Total	\$53,044.00	\$35,798.00

* Additional for Academy building, \$1,500.

† Additional for Academy building, \$100.

‡ Additional for Academy building, \$100.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.
(For Endowment.)

<i>Charges</i>	<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Pittsburgh, St. Mark's.	*\$1,405.00	\$1,305.00
Greensburg, Second Church.	†2,150.00	1,100.00
Greensburg, First Church.	‡640.00	200.00
Meyersdale, Amity	‡700.00	200.00
Zion's (Hays), Somerset Co.	1,700.00	1,150.00
Evans City, Butler Co.	35.00	25.00
Jeannette, Westmoreland Co.	520.00	265.00
Beaver Charge, Clarion Co.	815.00	755.00
Berlin, Somerset Co.	450.00	325.00
Somerset, Somerset Co.	1,255.00	600.00
Brush Creek Charge, Westmoreland Co.	1,587.00	1,062.00
Mt. Pleasant Charge, Westmoreland Co.	1,505.00	730.00
St. Paul's and St. John's, Somerset Co.	670.00	330.00
Stoney Creek Charge, Somerset Co.	245.50	115.50
Red Bank Charge, Clarion Co.	757.00	517.00
St. Petersburg Charge, Clarion Co.	827.00	437.00
Paradise Charge, Jefferson Co.	2,040.00	1,660.00
Shenango Charge, Mercer Co.	176.50	150.50
Emlenton Charge, Clarion Co.	830.00	440.00
Dubois Charge, Clearfield Co.	1,336.00	676.00
New Hamburg, Mercer Co.	110.00	80.00
Seagerstown, Crawford Co.	117.00	72.00
Greenville, Mercer Co.	535.00	345.00

Meadville, Crawford Co.....	290.00	45.00
Union Hill, Crawford Co.....	100.00	25.00
Butler, St. Paul's.....	5,208.00	3,118.00
Butler, Bethany	210.00	110.00
Olivet, Butler Co.....	60.00	10.00
Sharpsville, Mercer Co.....	75.00	50.00
Pittsburgh, St. Paul's.....	125.00	6.00
Beams Charge, Somerset Co.....	320.00	220.00
Hyndman, Bedford Co.	250.00	
Elk Lick, Somerset Co.....	300.00	25.00
Wilkinsburg, Trinity.....	1,275.00	175.00
Frostburg, Md.....	318.50	184.00
Stoyestown, Somerset Co.	1,893.00	303.00
Sugar Creek Charge, Armstrong Co.....	330.00	202.00
Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.....	536.00	271.00
Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland Co.....	405.00	270.00
Denmark, Manor Charge, Westmoreland Co..	355.00	100.00

Total	\$32,455.50	\$17,804.00
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* Additional for Academy building, \$1,250.

† Additional for Academy building, \$500.

‡ Additional for Academy building, \$500.

§ Additional for Academy building, \$1,000.

POTOMAC SYNOD.

(For Endowment.)

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Chambersburg, Zion's.....	\$532.25	\$532.25
Frederick, Md., Evangelical Reformed	7,575.00	7,505.00
Hagerstown, Md., Zion's	1,635.00	1,452.50
Manchester, Md.	87.00	2.00
New Bloomfield, Perry Co.....	180.00	180.00
Mercersburg, Franklin Co.....	435.00	240.00
Everett, Bedford Co.	450.00	
Carlisle, Cumberland Co.....	*350.00	45.00
Martinsburg, W. Va.....	515.00	330.00
Greencastle, Grace, Franklin Co.....	760.00	530.00
Duncannon and Marysville, Perry Co.....	550.00	300.00
Shrewsbury Charge, York Co.....	1,850.00	245.00
Glen Rock Charge, York Co.....	170.00	80.00
Clearspring, Md.....	635.00	310.00
Sulphur Springs Charge, Bedford Co.....	395.00	70.00
Cavetown, Md.....	535.00	352.00
St. Thomas Charge, Franklin Co.....	271.00	61.00
St. Clairsville Charge, Bedford Co.....	2,315.00	477.50
Altoona, Trinity	1,245.00	264.00
Newport, Perry Co.....	1,026.25	721.25
York, Trinity.....	3,858.00	855.00
York, Grace	1,145.00	165.00
Manor Charge, Adamstown, Md.....	309.50	304.50
Alexandria, Water Street Charge.....	436.00	206.00
Mechanicsburg, St. Paul's	90.00	30.00
Huntingdon, Pa.	1,360.00	151.00
Washington, D. C., Grace	325.00	16.66
Baltimore, Third Church.....	†260.00	125.00

Total	\$29,295.00	\$15,550.66
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* Additional for Academy building, \$250.

† Additional for Academy building, \$525.

TOTALS.

	<i>Subscribed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Eastern Synod.....	\$53,044.00	\$35,798.00
Pittsburgh Synod	32,455.00	17,804.00
Potomac Synod.....	29,295.00	15,550.66
Alumni and Miscellaneous.....	34,669.50	22,929.25
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	\$149,463.50	\$92,081.91
Less amounts counted twice.....	9,065.00	3,514.75
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Total for endowment	\$140,398.50	\$89,567.16
For Academy building.....	74,080.00	12,565.00
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Grand Total	\$214,478.50	\$102,132.16

Most of the unpaid endowment subscriptions come due in the course of the next two years.

Most of the unpaid Academy subscriptions are payable any time, upon request.

The above work has been done at an expense to date of a little less than six per cent. of the total amount pledged.

IV.—Report of the Principals of Franklin and Marshall Academy.

TO THE ACADEMY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE:

The work and conditions at the Academy during the past year were about the same as they have been for the last three or four years, the accommodations not allowing of any further material growth of the school. The attendance during the past year, from April to April, was two hundred, and from September to June, one hundred and forty-two. This includes fifty-seven Seniors, sixty-nine Middlers and sixteen Juniors. This enrollment maintains the usual proportion of about two boarding students to three day students. As has been the case for some years, a number of students were obliged to room outside of the Academy building. The Academy incurs an extra expense of about \$35 a year for every boarding student that cannot be accommodated in the Academy building. The arrangement of having students room outside is also unsatisfactory for reasons of work and discipline.

Of the Senior class, forty have passed all their work satisfactorily so as to receive the Academy diploma. The indications are that these men will be applicants for admission to colleges as follows: University of Pennsylvania, 1; Muhlenberg, 1; Roanoke College, 1; Lehigh University, 5; State College, 7; and Franklin and Marshall, 25. The Academy annually sends an unusually large proportion of its enrollment to college, as compared with most schools of the same kind. Last year we reported that for the first time in the history of the Academy more than one-half of the Seniors were pre-

paring for a technical course. We are glad to report that in this year's class the classical students again outnumber the technical students as usual, less than one-third taking technical courses and over two-thirds the Classical and Latin Scientific.

On the whole, our teachers rendered good and faithful service during the past year. There were several changes in the teaching force as it was constituted the previous year. We regretted very much to lose the competent head of the English Department, Mr. Kraybill, who resigned his position to accept the principalship of the Lancaster Boys' High School. Mr. Oliver Schaeffer succeeded him. On the other hand, we were fortunate in securing Mr. Calvin N. Wenrich to take charge of the department of Mathematics. He came from Carthage College, Illinois, where he had been head of the department of Mathematics and Physics. He rendered very efficient service during the past year. With the opening of the new building, we will need a larger teaching force. It is our purpose to secure the best men possible as heads of the various departments, and to make their positions more permanent than has been possible heretofore.

No improvements were made on the old building during the past year beyond the usual necessary repairs, which are essential to keeping the building in good condition.

The contract for the erection of the new building includes an article which calls for the completion of the building in time to be occupied by the school at the opening of the coming school year, in September. It is somewhat uncertain whether this can be accomplished. We have, however, laid our plans in the way of liberal advertising and considerable canvassing to secure a larger student body for the coming year. If these efforts succeed in bringing the results we expect, the situation may be embarrassing if the new building is not ready when the Academy opens in the fall. Yet it would be more unfortunate to have the money invested in the building without any returns during the coming year. We are, therefore, counting on securing an enrollment commensurate with the accommodations of the new building, and devising some expedient to care for the student body temporarily in case the building is not entirely ready to be occupied when school opens.

We give the following as approximate estimates of the items of expense incurred in connection with the new building: Building foundations, \$2,600; main contract for the erection of the building, \$81,225; extras caused by changes, \$500; architect's fees, \$4,000; grading, \$2,000; electric light and

gas fixtures, and furniture and equipment, \$10,000; total, \$100,325. This may be somewhat more than the Board expected this building to cost, but it contains no feature that it would be policy to omit, and the building is not at all too large. The fact that several of the bids for the erection of the building were as much as fifty per cent. higher than the bid of the contractor accepted is indication that the Board is receiving good value for the money it is putting into the building. Toward this amount we have pledges aggregating about \$73,000.

Since the endowment work to which Mr. Hartman has devoted his time largely during the last four years, has advanced to a point where it is practicable to leave it mainly in the hands of one man, and the services of Mr. Buchheit may be counted on to carry it to its completion, it is hoped that Mr. Hartman can be released from his present duties to such an extent as to give most of his time to the financial and executive work of the Academy and to teaching there during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

THADDEUS G. HELM,
EDWIN M. HARTMAN.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to report as follows:

At our annual meeting in June last, the Board organized by re-electing the same officers as those of the former years.

The past year has been the most successful in the history of the institution. During the year closing June, 1907, there were enrolled four hundred and three students. Of these, ninety-five were graduated. There are now in attendance four hundred boys. There are twenty-five men in the faculty. The receipts from all sources for the last school year were, \$142,646.27; expenses, \$130,840.45; receipts above expenses, \$11,805.82.

During the last year Laucks Hall was completed and dedicated. This structure cost \$27,000.00. Additions have also been made to the college chapel. The roof of Keil Hall has been raised, thus adding a number of dormitories.

During commencement week, a large portrait, by Chase, of Thomas A. Scott, who was born near the school, was placed in the dining room of Keil Hall. This portrait was the generous gift of Mrs. Miriam Douglas Thropp, daughter of Thomas Scott. The unveiling ceremonies were attended by a great number of persons from abroad, including many of the

officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The presentation speech was made by Captain John P. Green, First Vice-President of that road. It was accepted on behalf of the boys by Dr. W. M. Irvine, and on behalf of the Regents, by the President of the Board. Addresses were also made by Honorable Joseph E. Thropp, the husband of the donor, and by Honorable George F. Huff, member of Congress at large from Pennsylvania.

The terms of the following named members of the Board of Regents will expire this year, and it will be the duty of your body to name their successors: Rev. J. B. Shontz, Rev. C. Clever, D.D., Hon. A. R. Schnebly. The other members of the Board, as well as the faculty, hope that the Synod will recognize the wisdom of returning these gentlemen.

This is, numerically, the largest single institution of learning in the Reformed Church.

We, your servants, to whom you have entrusted the management of this school, render this account of our stewardship. We assert with great confidence that this school is doing untold good. We ask for it your continued and faithful support.

Respectfully submitted,
W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

October 14, 1907.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Maryland.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Women's College at Frederick, Maryland, herewith presents its fifteenth annual report.

At the annual meeting in April, Hon. Milton H. Gibson, of York, Pa., was re-elected a member of this Board for two years.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary, and Adrian C. McCardell, Treasurer.

The college year ended June 10th, at which time seven students were graduated in the A.B. course, three in Piano, one as a Vocalist and two in the School of Expression.

During the year a higher grade was attempted and accomplished than ever before.

The total enrollment of students was 173, of which number 72 were boarders.

It gives us pleasure to report a successful year and that the commencement was full of inspiration.

The gross receipts for the year were \$25,468.18; the gross expenditures, \$24,960.27; net gain, \$507.91.

The assets in furniture, fixtures, supplies, etc., on July 10 1907, were \$6,807.52. All rentals are paid.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and the Treasurer of current expenses were examined and found correct.

The invested endowment fund is \$40,088.42.

The college buildings and grounds are in good condition.

The faculty has undergone but few changes, and is a well-rounded, competent corps of teachers.

The Department of Domestic Science has been added to the course, under an experienced and competent teacher, which gives promise of excellent results.

The college was re-opened on September 18th, under most favorable auspices, with a present enrollment of 189.

The enrollment of boarding students has exceeded the capacity of the buildings to such extent as to require the rental of rooms in private homes in the neighborhood, for the use of teachers, so as to make room for all students in the college buildings. This emphasizes the necessity of putting the college in buildings of its own, on the splendid site it owns, at an early date, if it is to fill its true mission to the Church and the community and to meet the demands that are now made upon it.

The College for Women is growing in importance in the minds of many of the best educators of the day, as well as in that of the common people. To try to make men and women as much alike as possible, to give them the same education, and set them the same tasks, measured by the same standards, is coming to be more and more recognized as a mistake and as working harm to both sexes. Rather recognize the physical and mental differences between them; train them in different ways for different tasks, and offer them different rewards for success if you would secure the best ends of a higher education. "Woman's special value lies in the qualities of her womanhood." Dwarf this, and an irreparable wrong has not only been done to her, but to the age in which we live.

Your Board confidently invites careful investigation as to the quality and results of the work done at the college.

It hereby records its appreciation of the helpfulness of many friends, and asks your continued active co-operation.

The time of service of Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., expires with 1907, and his successor should be chosen at this session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: As President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, I desire to make the following report:

The Board held its annual meeting during Commencement week, May 28, and organized by electing the officers of the preceding year.

The total enrollment of students for the scholastic year ending May 30, was 133, and divided in the different departments as follows:

College Department, 31; Academic Department, 74; Business Department, Bookkeeping, 12; Stenography, 6; Typewriting, 11; Music Department—in piano, 45; voice, 14; violin, 2; pipe organ, 1; Elocution, 14; private pupils, 15 in class and 5 special; Art Department, 9.

On Commencement Day the following were graduated in the Classical course: Messrs. Robert Herman Rowe, Christopher Columbus Wagoner, Clarence Woods and Miss Lillian George. At the same time the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, of Westminster, Maryland. The Rev. H. H. Apple, of York, Pennsylvania, was present and delivered the address to the graduating class.

Of the graduates, Messrs. Wagoner and Woods are students for the ministry and are now in the schools of theology at Tiffin and Lancaster, respectively. Mr. Rowe is at the University of North Carolina, taking a course in medicine.

The trustees elected the Rev. Prof. J. Silor Garrison to the professorship of English, and Prof. William R. Weaver was elected professor of Greek and German. The Rev. Charles E. Wehler was selected as General Secretary of the College.

The fall term of the college was opened on September 10th, and up to the present 117 pupils have been enrolled. 78 of these are regular boarding students. This is an increase over last year of 14 in the total enrollment and an increase of 9 in the boarding department.

Of the present enrollment, 29 are in the College Department, 32 are receiving instruction in piano, 12 in voice and 13 in elocution.

All the teachers of last year were re-elected and all are now at work doing good and faithful service. The work is moving along nicely and indications point to a prosperous year.

I call your attention to the fact that the terms of office of the following trustees expire with the end of this year, and it becomes the duty of this Synod to nominate their successors, viz: Revs. Drs. J. L. Murphy, Paul Barringer, P. M. Trexler and J. A. Foil, Hon. A. A. Shuford and George McCorkle, Esq.

I also report that G. H. Geitner, whom this Synod nominated last year as a trustee, finds it impossible to serve and it becomes the duty of this body to make a nomination to fill the vacancy.

The following report, made by the Treasurer of the College to the Trustees at their annual meeting, will give the financial condition of the school:

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Endowment.....	\$895 39
Received from Potomac Synod.....	250 00
Dividend, Union Cotton Mill.....	54 00
Royalty on S. M. Finger Book.....	75 82
College Annual Concert.....	91 25
Old Tuition Notes.....	408 85
Refunded on Piano.....	25 00
Finger Estate.....	42 08
College Concert.....	65 50
Refunded by Dr. Murphy.....	10 00
Tuition, 1905-1906.....	518 40
Tuition, 1906-1907.....	8,227 96
Oratorio.....	48 55
Pres. Snyder (Special).....	540 00
Other Sources.....	47 78
Totals	\$11,300 58
Disbursements	11,300 58

LIABILITIES ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

Due Teachers	\$772 00
Provisions	919 08
Cooks	24 00
Matron	20 00
For Typewriter (Freeze).....	63 20
Invitations	23 75
Coal	71 85
Grates for furnace.....	92 82
Librarian	25 00
Rents	40 00
	\$2,031 74

For the information of this body, I note the fact that the entire cost of the new building is \$21,250.00. That the balance due on this building, with interest, is \$15,475.00; that the college has other indebtedness of \$2,300.00. The college has an endowment fund, bearing interest, of \$15,000.00, and a special fund of \$20,000.00, making a total of \$35,000.00.

Toward paying this indebtedness, Dr. Wehler reports having received in cash and pledges the sum of \$5,033.60.

I also note the fact that this Synod, in 1902, heard the report of a committee appointed to ascertain the amount which from this Synod was due the college, according to the compact entered into between the Classis of North Carolina and the Synod of

the Potomac, in the year 1896. The deficit at that time was reported to be \$2,500.00. Since that time Synod has apportioned for Catawba College the sum of \$3,694.00. I am pleased to report that during this time the Synod has paid to the college the sum of \$3,735.55, being \$41.55 more than the apportionment. Leaving \$2,458.41 due the college. This we take as an evidence of good faith on the part of the Synod and the lively interest which this body has in the educational work of the South.

I am pleased to report that the field of Catawba College is enlarging, and we now enroll students from Maryland and Pennsylvania, in addition to Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. This we take to be due, in part at least, to the close relationship existing between this Synod and the school and the feeling of good fellowship existing between these different sections of the country.

I would be untrue to my duty as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College if I did not in this report bear to this body the true appreciation which the college and the Church in North Carolina feel for the help this Synod has given us and the sympathy you have manifested in our work. Your prayers, your words of encouragement, your sympathy and your financial support have aided us greatly and made us strong when we were weak. Asking a continued interest in your prayers and sympathy, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH L. MURPHY.

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Synod's Board of Education, according to appointment, convened in annual session at the residence of Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Chambersburg, Pa., at 2 o'clock, p. m., July 17, A. D. 1907.

All the members were present with the exception of Rev. P. A. DeLong, who had removed from the bounds of this Synod. The Board was called to order by the President, Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., and the session was opened with prayer by Rev. C. Clever, D.D. Rev. J. P. Harner was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*, the former Secretary, Rev. J. W. Pontius, being no longer a member of the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. David Miller, reported that, in accordance with the request of the Board, he wrote to Student Howard R. Miller in regard to refunding the money he received from the Board, but received no reply from Mr. Miller.

The Treasurer also reported that he had written to Victor A. Barnhart, urging him to refund the money he has received as a beneficiary student, and in reply received a promise from Mr. Barnhart that he would refund the money as soon as he could possibly do so. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to continue the effort to have both the young men named above refund the amount of money that each one received as soon as possible.

The Treasurer also reported that Zion's Classis has paid to him during the last year \$108.42 for Beneficiary Education. On motion, it was resolved that the Treasurer inform Zion's Classis that the Board regards it only right to expect at least enough money from it to meet the demands of its students under the care of the Board as beneficiary students.

On motion, Revs. I. N. Peightel and J. David Miller were appointed a committee to prepare the form of a note to be given by all beneficiary students for the money they may receive and to report at the next annual meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers of the Board for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., President; Rev. J. David Miller, Treasurer, and Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer offered his annual report, which was, on motion, adopted and audited, and is as follows:

J. DAVID MILLER, in account with the Board of Education, Synod of the Potomac:

RECEIPTS.

From Mercersburg Classis	\$325 00
From Maryland Classis	460 00
From Carlisle Classis	160 00
From Gettysburg Classis	400 00
From Juniata Classis	480 00
From Zion's Classis	108 42
From Virginia Classis	120 00
From A. H. Whetstone, interest	24 14
From George Nissal, refunded	25 00
In treasury, July 15, 1906	6 42
Totals	\$2,015 98

EXPENDITURES.

Discount and postage	\$11 10
To Ira S. Moan	150 00
To J. E. Bronnerline	150 00
To Linden H. Rice	150 00
To John A. Litzler	150 00
To Border L. Stacey	150 00
To Chas. A. Huyett	150 00

To Herman G. Snyder.....	150 00
To Roscoe E. Grove.....	150 00
To W. Hedges Fink	150 00
To G. Nevin Rebert.....	150 00
To C. Irwin Lau.....	150 00
To J. Harry Coleman.....	100 00
To balance in Treasury.....	253 89
To Zion's Classis.....	2 15
To postage for 1907.....	1 84

Totals..... \$2,018 98

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER,
Treasurer.

July 17, 1907.

Revs. W. C. Cremer, D.D., and I. N. Peightel were appointed as the Auditing Committee for the next year.

On motion, the Board granted, for the support of the following students for the ensuing year, the sums of money opposite their respective names, viz: W. H. Fink, \$150; H. S. Snyder, \$150; Calvin L. Hines, \$150; Daniel C. Schnebly, \$150; Ira S. Monn, \$150; Charles Irwin Lau, \$150; J. N. Rebert, \$150; J. A. Ditzler, \$150; L. H. Rice, \$150; Charles A. Hewitt, \$150; B. L. Stanley, \$150; Clarence Woods, \$150.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Board requests an appropriation of \$2,500.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to report not only the receipts from the several Classes, but also the apportionment laid upon each Classis by the Synod.

On motion, the President was instructed to credit Rev. Irwin S. Ditzler, of Thomasville, N. C., with \$50.00 per year.

On motion, it was resolved that the next annual meeting shall be held in the library of Rev. W. C. Cremer, D.D., Chambersburg, Pa., at one o'clock p. m., The minutes were read and approved. There being no further business, the Board adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *President.*

J. P. HARNER, *Secretary pro tem.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

J. DAVID MILLER, *in account with Board of Education, Synod of the Potomac:*

Balance in treasury, July 18, 1906.....	\$6 42
Received from Mercersburg Classis.....	235 00
Received from Maryland Classis.....	460 00
Received from Carlisle Classis.....	160 00
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....	400 00
Received from Juniata Classis.....	480 00
Received from Zion's Classis.....	108 42
Received from Virginia Classis.....	120 00

Received from A. H. Whetstone (interest).....	24 14
Received from George Missal (refunded)	25 00
Totals	\$2,018 98

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Ira S. Monn	\$150 00
Paid J. E. Boomershine.....	150 00
Paid Linden H. Rice.....	150 00
Paid John A. Ditzler.....	150 00
Paid Border L. Stanley.....	150 00
Paid Chas. A. Huyett.....	150 00
Paid Herman G. Snyder.....	150 00
Paid Roscoe E. Grove	150 00
Paid W. Hedges Fink.....	150 00
Paid G. Nevin Rebert	150 00
Paid C. Irwin Lau.....	150 00
Paid J. Harry Coleman.....	100 00
Paid Treasurer Zion's Classis	2 15
Paid discount and postage, 1906.....	11 10
Paid postage, 1907	1 84
Balance in treasury	253 89
Totals.....	\$2,018 98

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER,
Treasurer Board of Education.

There are twelve students under the care of the Board and two applications.

Communication from Pittsburg Synod.

MT. PLEASANT, PA., OCTOBER 15, 1907.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Synod of Pittsburg, at its recent sessions at Greensburg, Pa., October 9th to 14th, adopted the following resolution relative to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., which it directed me, as the Corresponding Secretary, to transmit to your reverend body.

"The Synod, in response to the request of the Faculty and the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, hereby, with the concurrence of the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac, creates the offices of the President of the Seminary and Dean of the Faculty, with rights and duties as defined in the paper on this subject submitted to Synod by the Faculty and the Board of Visitors; the Synod approves also of the election of Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, D.D., and Rev. Prof. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., as the first incumbents of these offices; furthermore, the election of persons to fill these offices in case of vacancies occurring hereafter shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors."

I remain, with kindest regards to the members of Synod,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

E. R. DEATRICK,
Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The report which the Committee on Education herewith submits for your consideration is based upon the following papers placed in our hands, namely: Report of the Board of Visitors and report of the Board of Trustees, together with the financial statement of the Treasurer, John B. Roth, of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the account of the work for the increased endowment of the institution by Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D.; report of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, the President of the College, Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D., the Principals of the Academy with the statement of subscriptions and payments for increasing the endowment of the college and the erection of the new academy building; report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, Theological Seminary and Academy, with a view book of the institution; catalogue and view book of Catawba College, catalogue of Massanutten Academy, the action of the North Carolina Classis in answer to the request of the Synod of the Potomac in reference to a change in the charter of Catawba College, the action of Pittsburg Synod in regard to the creation of two offices in the Theological Seminary, the report of the Board of Education.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., there were enrolled last year twenty-eight students, of whom ten were seniors. The year's record was one of good work. In all the reports from the Seminary attention is called to the small number of students studying for the ministry of the Gospel. In addition to the regular curriculum, a course of six lectures was given by Dr. Swander and a course of six lectures by Rev. Dr. Hamill, under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Sunday-School Association. Rev. Dr. Chambers was continued as instructor in oratory. The Synod of the Potomac is asked to contribute \$250.00 for the course in oratory and \$2,000.00 for the payment of the deficit and current expenses of the Seminary. The Rev. Prof. John C. Bowman, D.D., continued the work of securing funds for the endowment of the Seminary and taught the seniors in Pastoral Theology; the rest of the work of his department was cared for by Drs. Richards, Schaeffer and Noss.

Attention is called to a paper presented by the Seminary Faculty to the Board of Visitors and their action on the same, approving Dr. Bowman's continuance in the financial agency and the arrangement by the faculty for instruction in his department and the re-organization of the faculty by the election of Dr. Bowman as President of the Seminary and Dr. Schaeffer as Dean of the Faculty. Subscriptions received for the endowment fund amounted to \$11,892.00, and payments to the same fund, \$8,094.60. A request to the Eastern Synod to increase the salaries of the Professors of Dogmatic Theology, Church History and Old Testament Theology to the amount of \$2,000.00, implies that, as soon as possible, this Synod should take steps to put the salary of its professorships on an equality.

1. *Resolved*, That Synod expresses appreciation and devout gratitude for the consecration and faithfulness of those engaged in the work of the Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod, through the Classes, pastors, consistories and congregations, emphasizes the pressing need of ministers for the Church, and urges all laudable means of directing the minds and hearts of the best young men of the Church to the privileges of this sacred calling.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod urges the Classes to commend to pastors and consistories the value and prayerful use of Seminary Day.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby apportions \$2,000 for the payment of the deficit and current expenses of the Seminary and \$250 for the course of oratory.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod expresses profound appreciation of the self-sacrifice and the diligent and successful work of Dr. John C. Bowman, in the effort of increasing the endowment of the Seminary, and urges upon Classes the full support and coöperation in the further prosecution of this work.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod, in response to the request of the faculty and Board of Visitors, hereby, with the concurrence of the Eastern Synod, and the Pittsburg Synod, creates the offices of President of the Seminary and Dean of the Faculty, with rights and duties as defined in the papers on this subject submitted to Synod by the faculty and Board of Visitors; the Synod also approves the election of Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., and Prof. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., as the first incumbents of these offices; furthermore, the election of persons to fill these offices in case of becoming vacancies, shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

From the annual report of the President of Franklin and

Marshall College, Dr. J. S. Stahr, we learn that the enrollment of students during the present year is larger than ever before, the actual attendance in the college classes has gone beyond the 200 mark. The enrollment of the college and academy is 404, evidencing that the efficiency of the work in the institution and the efforts made to help the college before the community are appreciated and that the reputation of the college is constantly growing. In view of the increasing number of special students, especially in the scientific department, it is gratifying to know that the museum has been furnished with a set of new cases and the valuable collection of minerals in the possession of the college is now being arranged in such a way as to be available for use and study. Additions have been made in the department of physics, in the equipment of the electrical department, making it ample for the present needs of the institution. There are few, if any, colleges of the size of Franklin and Marshall that offer better equipment or facilities in the lines of biology, chemistry and physics than are available there. Courses of instruction in the English Bible have been arranged for all college classes, conducted by the President and Dr. Wm. C. Schaeffer, of the Theological Seminary. Prof. Beck was re-appointed to the chair of assistant professor of chemistry, Prof. Chambers to the chair of oratory, and Mr. McLaughlin as physical instructor and director of the gymnasium. Dr. Frank Clifton Smith resigned as professor of modern languages. In the endowment movement, Prof. Hartman has been partly relieved, to give attention to the management of the academy, and Prof. Buchheit continues in the work. The total amount subscribed for the college is \$140,398.50, of which \$89,567.16 has been paid. For the academy building, the amount subscribed is \$74,080.00, of which \$12,565.00 has been paid.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod hears with satisfaction of the careful management of the Board of Trustees and the efficient work of the professors and instructors of Franklin and Marshall College, ministering to the continued prosperity and advancement of the institution.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod commends the college and academy to the sympathy and support of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod calls the attention of the Classes to the necessity of a speedy completion of the fund for the increased endowment of the college and the erection of the new academy building, and that they urge pastors and consistories to give it their full, intelligent and loyal coöperation.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College reports the

most successful year in the history of the institution. There are now in attendance four hundred boys; ninety-five were graduated last June. The receipts for the year were \$142,647.27, expenses \$130,840.45, leaving a balance of \$11,805.82. Various needed improvements have been made to the grounds and buildings. During commencement week, a large portrait of Thomas A. Scott, who was born near the school, was placed in the dining room of Keil Hall with appropriate ceremony. Numerically, this is the largest single institution of learning in the Reformed Church.

† 1. *Resolved*, That Synod greatly rejoices in the remarkable and extraordinary growth and development of this school, which undoubtedly is the widest and most far-reaching influence in all phases of our educational and Church activity.

2. *Resolved*, That we make recognition of the untiring and loving service of Prof. Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D., as a matchless educator and leader of boys, as well as the able assistance of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

3. *Resolved*, That the work of this institution be commended anew to the Classes and congregations of the Reformed Church.

4. *Resolved*, That we emphasize the fact that the phenomenal work of this school has been accomplished without the direct financial aid of this Synod, and express the purpose that whenever such plans shall be arranged, calling for the financial coöperation of this Synod, our deep interest and sympathy in the important education of boys will lead us to give all possible, cheerful and generous assistance.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE (FREDERICK, MD.).

The Woman's College at Frederick, Md., reports a very successful year's work, and by reason of changes in its curriculum, stands on a higher grade than ever before. A Department of Domestic Science has been added to the course, and gives promise of excellent results. The total present enrollment is 189, of which 80 are boarders. This exceeds the capacity of the buildings and requires the rental of rooms in private families. The necessity of putting the college in buildings of its own on the splendid site now owned by the college is emphasized.

1. *Resolved*, That Synod recognizes the splendid work of this institution for the higher education of women and appreciates the efforts which have placed it on such a high grade of scholarship.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby presents the work and needs of the Woman's College, through the Classes, to the

pastors and consistories, and urges due regard, sympathy and coöperation in furthering all its interests.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Synod that the Board of Directors of the Woman's College should take steps within the coming year looking to the permanent location of the institution in buildings of its own, and thus placing it upon a foundation as substantial as that enjoyed by other institutions of the Church, and commensurate with the importance of its work, and that when such plans shall be formulated by the Board, it shall have the support of Classes and congregations throughout the Synod.

CATAWBA COLLEGE.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College indicates the most encouraging and hopeful condition in all the history of the institution. In all departments, one hundred and thirty-three students were enrolled. There were four graduates in the classical department, two of whom are students for the ministry. There is expressed appreciation of the lively interest and more generous support of this Synod in the educational work of the South and the desire and hope of a continued sympathy in prayer, encouragement and financial support of the work of this institution. The Rev. Charles E. Wehler, D.D., has been elected as a General Secretary of the college and has received during the year, in cash and pledges, the sum of \$5,033.60.

1. *Resolved*, That Synod recognizes in Catawba College a centre of expanding influence in education and a growing force in all lines of church activity in the South, and that we rejoice with them in their commendable progress.

2. *Resolved*, That the work and needs of Catawba College be commended, through the Classes, to the pastors and consistories for the interest and support of the Church, and recognize in Rev. Charles E. Wehler, D.D., a General Secretary of ability and worthy of kind assistance.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the better knowledge which has come to us of the conditions of the educational work of the South, and the most cordial spirit of the action of the North Carolina Classis, the relation existing between Catawba College and this Synod shall, for the present, remain undisturbed.

4. *Resolved*, That Synod apports \$595 for Catawba College.

MASSANNUTTEN ACADEMY.

The catalogue of Massannutten Academy shows an enrollment of seventy-eight students, which overflows the

dormitories. The teaching work has been increased to a four-year course. A new building, including gymnasium, chapel, library, office and rooms for sixty-five students is in course of erection at a contract price of \$164,211.

Resolved That your board with great interest of the increased facilities and usefulness of Washington Academy and that we have recommended to the Board to well to be made to the advantage and interest of the College.

Jonas B. Shontz, Conrad Clever, D.D., Hon. A. R. Schnebley, 1910; Rev. I. N. Peightel, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., W. J. Zacharias, Esq., 1909; Hon. J. W. Wetzel, Revs. F. F. Bahner, D.D., J. S. Kieffer, D.D., 1908.

DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE.—Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1912; Elder S. J. Hoffman, M.D., 1911; Elder A. C. McCardell, 1910; Elder John Gassman, 1909; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., 1908.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., 1910; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., J. W. Santee, D.D., 1908.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Elders C. M. Wolff, Esq., J. B. Shullenberger, 1911; Elders E. A. Shullenberger, Robert L. Motter, 1910; Elders S. N. Hench, I. Laucks, 1908.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.—Hon. W. J. Zacharias, 1917; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., D.D., 1913; Peter C. Wiest, 1911; Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., A. S. Weber, D.D., 1910; J. W. Wetzel, Esq., 1909.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions and of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, for consideration. The committee presented its report during the sessions of Friday, Saturday and Monday. The report was received, read, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. These reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is well to recall the fact that from 1873, when this Board was organized, until 1892, a period of nearly twenty years, the office of this Board was to direct and control almost the whole field of English home missionary work, with full power and authority, but that since April 1, 1892, the office of the Board has been advisory in matters relating to the management of the missions; but you will note also that in reference to trust funds committed to this Board, the Board, subject to the Synods, has entire control,

and that on this account the Treasurer's report, which is herewith laid before you duly audited and as part of this report, has special interest and importance, seeing as it gives the details of the financial transactions of your Board.

Partly from it and partly from the record of the General Board, we call the following facts concerning legacies, Church-Building Funds and current moneys which have come from the bounds of the two Synods.

LEGACIES.—From the estate of Mrs. Amelia E. Meyers, of Hanover, Pa., \$25; from the estate of Rev. Moses Peters, of Lehigh county, Pa., \$95; from the estate of Mr. N. E. Schmitt, of Woodstock, Va., \$9,000; from the estate of Elder Morris R. Peterman, of Roversford, Pa., \$45.25.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.—Each \$500. The Juniata Classical Missionary Society Fund; the John C. and Charlotte A. Wood Fund, given by Mrs. Mary Wood Fisher, of Zion's church, Chambersburg, Pa.; the John and Elizabeth Rausman Fund, given by Rev. Dr. B. Rausman; the Rev. Dr. Rudolph Duenger Fund, given by the churches of Shamokin and Ashland, Pa.; the Lizzie K. Geisinger, Fund, given by Elder S. H. Orr, Norristown, Pa.; the Reigelsville Sunday-School Fund, given by the St. John's Sunday-school of Reigelsville, Pa.; the Anna Mary Kuhn Fund, given by Elder Benjamin Kuhn, of Dayton, Ohio; the new Goshenhoppen Mission Band Fund, given by said Band, Rev. C. M. DeLong, pastor; the Clementina A. Roeder Eberhard Fund, given by Miss Emma A. Roeder, Quakertown, Pa.; the Mrs. Mary M. Welsh Fund, given by Elder W. H. Welsh, of York, Pa.; the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod Fund, given by said Society. Also the three following funds, each subject to an annuity, payable during the lifetime of the giver: The Sarah Elizabeth Lady Fund, given by Rev. Dr. D. B. Lady; the F. P. Conrad Fund and the Mary Conrad Fund, given by Elder F. P. Conrad, of Goshen, Ind.

CURRENT MONEYS.—You will notice that the amount paid during the Synodical year on the apportionment for Home Missions is \$41,888.35, which, compared with the income of last year, shows a gain of about \$6,000, not including the Hungarian, Harbor and German moneys, in which there is a loss this year of about \$2,000, so that the real gain is about \$4,000.

In the general treasury, that is, moneys that have come from the payment of interest and the payment of loans made from the general treasury, we report \$1,312.01. This money is available for any necessary outlay of the Board, being free from the limitations of designated moneys.

It is a great pleasure to report the noble gift of Zwingli Reformed Church, of Harrisburg, Pa. This congregation, having disbanded, conveyed to your Board, in trust, its valuable church property in fee simple. This property is now in process of sale, the proceeds to be used in accordance with the wish of said congregation, namely, to be known as the Zwingli Memorial Church-Building Fund, preference to be given to Harrisburg, Pa., and vicinity, in its use, in aiding missions or other needy congregations.

During the synodical year the following missions within your bounds have been enrolled: Grace, Hanover, Pa.; Mount Hermon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Penbrook, Pa.; St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md.; Enola, Pa.; Wyndmoor, Pa.; and Shiloh, South Bethlehem, Pa.

We regret to say that none of the missions within your bounds became self-supporting.

We are sorry to report that the Hungarian congregation in Trenton, N. J., owing to alleged financial necessity, some months ago withdrew from us and united with the national Church, having first met all its financial obligations to this Board. Its withdrawal was said to be unanimous; but as this is disputed, the General Board has taken the first steps toward securing the property rights of the minority.

The Synod of the Potomac will please note that the term of Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., will expire April 1, 1908, and that by the lamented death of Rev. Geo. E. Limbert another vacancy must be filled.

As the term of Supt. A. C. Whitmer expires October 1, 1908, and as the vacancy will be filled by the General Board in May, 1908, and as it is the duty of the Synods to nominate the candidate, according to the terms of the compact, we, therefore, recommend to the Synods Rev. A. C. Whitmer as the nominee for the office of Superintendent of Missions within the two Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. SCHAEFFER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

HOME MISSIONS.

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From the Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia Classis.....	\$2,535 45
Tohickon Classis.....	2,167 41
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	2,904 75
East Pennsylvania Classis	2,658 00
Lebanon Classis.....	2,042 14

Lancaster Classis	2,700	08
Schuylkill Classis	1,809	31
East Susquehanna Classis	1,640	00
West Susquehanna Classis	2,292	40
Lehigh Classis	3,705	26
Wyoming Classis	1,838	22
Reading Classis	3,951	78
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From the Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland Classis.....	\$3,378	52
Mercersburg Classis.....	1,420	26
Virginia Classis.....	850	00
Zion's Classis.....	970	67
Juniata Classis.....	2,228	64
Gettysburg Classis.....	400	00
North Carolina Classis.....	903	60
Carlisle Classis.....	973	35
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		\$41,379 84

Miscellaneous Sources.

St. John's Sunday-School, Milton, Pa.....	\$37 19
Rev. F. A. Gast, D.D.....	10 00
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.....	22 00
Christ Church, Philadelphia.....	25 67
Mrs. Amanda A. Wagner.....	100 00
Interest on Gerard Fund.....	6 00
Heidelberg League, Newport, Pa., for Omaha....	5 00
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Children's Day Offering for Chicago Mission.

Grace, Baltimore, Md.	\$17 63	
Sunday School, Marine, Pa.	6 23	
Sunday School, Shippensburg, Pa.	6 12	
Lea's Sunday School, Chambersburg, Pa.	27 67	
Mount Marion Church	12 00	
		<u>\$40 65</u>
		<u>\$41,398 25</u>
Paid Gen. W. Smith, Treasurer General Board		41,398 25

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Maryland Class	\$4.12	68
New York Class	1.50	97
Caroline Class	.19	18
Virginia Class	.25	19
Tenn : Class	.25	17
Pennsylvania Class	1.24	14
Kentucky Class	1.12	14
Kentucky Class for German Mission	.49	14
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Total Cash & June Treasurer General Fund	\$7.15	68
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Baltimore	17	1968	
Philadelphia	18	1968	
Lancaster	19	1968	

Reading Classis	777 00	
Tohickon Classis.....	313 80	
Lehigh Classis.....	868 00	
West Susquehanna Classis	100 00	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	274 67	
Schuylkill Classis.....	302 00	
Lebanon Classis	108 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	367 00	
Carlisle Classis	209 56	
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		\$4,168 20

Loans Repaid.

Roanoke, Va.	\$300 00	
Steelton, Pa.....	400 00	
Hungarian, South Norwalk, Conn.	125 00	
Hungarian, Trenton, N. J.....	1,300 00	
Lenoir, N. C.	250 00	
First, High Point, N. C.....	169 00	
Grace, Baltimore, Md.	500 00	
Christ's, Baltimore, Md.	400 00	
Grace, South Allentown, Pa.	75 00	
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		3,519 00
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		\$11,036 80

Disbursements.

Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer	\$4,168 20	
Paid Greensboro, N. C.....	1,000 00	
Paid Grace, Hanover, Pa.	1,000 00	
Paid St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.....	2,300 00	
Balance in treasury, October 4, 1907.....	2,568 60	
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		\$11,036 80

GENERAL TREASURY.

Balance in treasury, October 5, 1907.....	\$817 78	
Lykens, Pa.....	\$40 00	
Emanuel's, York, Pa.	60 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	95 00	
York Bank Stock	50 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board.....	260 00	
Grace, Baltimore, Md.	40 65	
Christ's, Baltimore, Md.	106 26	
Grace, South Allentown, Pa.	3 00	
Mrs. Leah Sidel	75 00	
Messiah, Philadelphia, Pa.....	60 00	
Hungarian, Trenton, N. J.....	78 00	
First, High Point, N. C.	10 00	
St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.....	150 00	
First, York, Pa.	60 00	
Roanoke, Va.....	100 00	
Scranton, Pa.....	75 00	
West Hazleton, Pa.....	50 00	
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		\$2,130 69

Credits.

Student Lee A. Peeler, four months' salary.....	\$120 00
Rev. M. M. Noacher, three months' salary.....	105 00

Annuiting Zoungi Church Charter	25	00
Traveling expenses of the Board, postage and		
stationery	25	00
Salary of the Secretary	25	00
Salary of the Treasurer	25	00
Balance in treasury October 1, 1907	1,000	00
		1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Adams, Treasurer

Hutchinson, Pa. October 1, 1907.

Hutchinson, Pa. October 1, 1907.

We the undersigned examined the above account and found it correct as stated.

Edna N. Korman.

James C. Buchanan.

Treasurer

Annual Statement of the Board of Home Missions

To the Reverend Synod of the Presbytery:

DEAR BRETHREN: In this brief statement, the Board of Home Missions calls the attention of the Synod to some leading facts concerning the work committed to our care.

The office of General Superintendent, which became vacant by the unexpected death of Rev. Thomas M. Yumb in April last, remains vacant, the call given by the Board to Rev. Lewis Robb, in July last, having been declined.

Our income for the synodical year has been larger than ever before. Our people in growing numbers realize that the support of this work depends almost entirely on the apportionment, and far more charges to-day take pleasure in paying the apportionment in full. Indeed, the debt of the Board from year to year has been due to the fact that so many fell short at this point. We gratefully note that last Easter the offerings were unusually large, and accordingly, on July 10, 1907, not only was the debt paid, but also \$4,000 were on hand toward the \$14,000 of orders issued at that meeting. Toward this new debt of \$10,000 the treasurer has received about \$1,000, leaving a deficit of \$9,000, to which must be added the orders due on October 1st, when the debt will be about \$23,000. These figures appeal strongly to the Church for such offerings as will bring our Home Missionary work to a cash basis. Nothing less should satisfy us.

The lack of men for the ministry is keenly felt by the Board whenever a mission is to be enrolled; for we well know that in filling that pastorate we are making a vacancy in some self-supporting charge, and to that extent are cutting off one

source of support. Every such enrollment is, therefore, a crisis and an embarrassment, making the Board cry out to the Synods: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest;" and while the Board will cheerfully go as far as possible in the enlargement of the work, we beg the Synods to request the Classes not to urge upon the Board the enrollment of missions so long as the Church feels this lack of ministers and the Board must every quarter borrow large sums of money to carry on the work.

Our Church Building Funds have now reached the remarkable number of 220, a record far beyond the most sanguine hope of even ten years ago, to say nothing of the very modest expectations of twenty years ago; and the great work already done by these beautiful memorials gives promise of far greater which they will do in the years to come, when the record shall reach 500.

We are helping a deserving people. The missionaries frequently express the gratitude of their people for the help received from time to time, both in the support of pastors and in the building of churches; but we assure the Church at large that these missions show their gratitude also in the wise use made of this help and especially in their large self-help, reported in the annual statistical tables. They receive much, but they also give much. Owing to the great and constant special demands upon them, their average for congregational outlay is far beyond that of the Church at large, while their average for benevolence is about the same as that of the self-supporting churches. Therefore it is worth while to note that what they do is proof of their gratitude for what is done for them.

Our Hungarian work continues to be deservedly popular. The organization of a Hungarian Classis has given stability to this interest, and the Board finds the Classis is a great help in deciding many questions that arise in this growing work. Including the congregations in Chicago and Cleveland, which became self-supporting during the present year, we have thirteen Hungarian pastors; and to this must be added the interesting fact that we have had seven Hungarian students for the ministry in three of our institutions supported by moneys given for that purpose. This work has been made needlessly difficult, however, by agitation continued by the Reformed Church in Hungary, alienating our congregations and pastors; but those now with us are entirely loyal.

The Harbor Mission at Ellis Island, N. Y., continues to do a beautiful work among needy strangers at our door. This

interest, in charge of Rev. Paul H. Land, comes under the quarterly care of the Board and has its hearty endorsement. Its results are not so apparent and convincing as in the case of our other home missionary work, but we assure you that the Harbor Mission is a real charity, and we ask the Synods to commend it to the confidence and larger support of our people.

Home Missionary Day is probably an abiding order. This is the sixth year of its history, and doubtless more Sunday-schools and congregations than ever before will observe it. The Synods may well commend it to the Classes and urge them to encourage their people to adopt the Board's method of special giving toward the establishment of some particular church. The general observance of this day would bring very large results.

There are also special helps which the Synods would encourage, and which probably every Classis could use to advantage, *e. g.*, the Church Work Convention, the Classical Missionary Society, the Mission Study Class and a monthly Missionary Day in the Sunday-school. It is hardly necessary to refer to the distribution of the *Home Missionary Bulletin*, of reports, tracts, leaflets and other literature of the Board, all of which seed-sowing will in due time surely bring forth a great harvest.

As a Church we need to do larger things. God has given us a great inheritance of opportunity. From a few thousand, our Church has grown to be almost 300,000 communicant members. Our people to-day have much wealth, and surely God expects larger things from us than was possible in the days of our fathers. From a few English missions, the number has grown to over one hundred, and for lack of men and means, the Board must repeatedly refuse to enroll very promising fields. Brethren, having a larger membership, larger wealth and larger demands, we need to have also larger thoughts and desires, larger plans and hopes, yea, above all, we need larger hearts, and we should pray for these things rather than for the coming of the kingdom in its outward form. Our home missionary work never before was so large, it never was more prosperous, it never was more promising, and the Reformed Church in the United States has before her a wide open door of usefulness which she should promptly enter in the name of the Lord, a great work to be done with a mighty hand and with larger gifts of men and money.

Having now laid before you these leading facts concerning our home missionary work, we pray you, brethren, to give them that consideration due to a matter of such vast importance for the furtherance of the kingdom of God; and

above all, we beg you to consider well what is involved in the larger support and the firmer establishment of the work of Home Missions. The growth and prosperity of the Church as a whole, indeed, the support and prosperity of all her other work depend largely on the emphasis which she places on this work. To be weak at this vital point is to invite weakness throughout; and to be strong here assures consequent strength in every other department.

With Christian greetings,

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH,
President.

September 14, 1907.

Annual Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: There is a note of triumph to our work in Japan and China that must thrill the heart of the Church. From every station the tidings come of a new awakening in the homes of darkness. Men are no longer groping for the light of life, but they enjoy it in their inmost souls. The reports from the evangelists for the past year show the power of the Spirit in the spread of the Word. Hearts open towards the Sun of Righteousness as the flowers to the baptism of the morning light. The prospects have never been as bright, nor the needs as great as at this time.

In Japan, our Kanda Church at Tokyo and the Rokubancho and Iwanuma Churches in the Sendai district, have become self-supporting. These events show that our missionaries are encouraging the spirit of self-help, which is always commendable. From our station at Chenchowfu, China, comes the inspiring report that there are a number of most devout Christians who have become an inspiration to the missionaries because of their sweet faith and simple earnestness. Early in the spring, several aged men, one of them seventy-seven years old, came up the North River, traveling a hundred miles, to be present at the Communion service. Before this aged father went away, he said that he had been for seventy years hunting peace, in vain; but now he believed the Gospel, and he thought he could find it. He was going home, and in his village there were some old men like himself, whom he would tell about the "doctrine." When an old man in China takes to the Gospel it means much, for gray hairs and advanced years command respect and influence.

Our new Boys' School Buildings at Lakeside, four miles from Yochow, are a wonder in that part of China. The buildings are all of brick. The cost of this splendid plant is cause for

rejoicing. Those who have seen the buildings can hardly believe it possible that so much was done with so little money. Dr. W. E. Hoy was the architect and the contractor. He deserves the grateful appreciation of the Church for his careful superintendence of the work and of the economic expenditure of funds at his disposal for school purposes. The entire cost for ground and buildings was \$10,859.18.

During the past-year the Board has sent to the foreign field the following workers: Miss Kate I. Hansen and Miss Lydia A. Lindsey, as teachers for our Miyagi Girls' School, at Sendai, Japan, and Miss Edith N. Brightbill as nurse for the hospital at Chenchowfu, China. Since April 1, 1907, Rev. Irving G. Boydston and wife have been members of our China Mission. They came to us from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Boydston is now located at Chenchowfu, and will assist Rev. Edwin A. Beck in the Boys' School. We believe that the Board has made no mistake in the selection of these five additional workers.

Rev. William E. Lampe, Miss Sadie Lea Weidner and Rev. Allen K. Faust, of our Japan Mission, are home on furlough. They are willing to visit the congregations as their time and strength may permit.

The receipts for the past synodical year amount to \$96,460.39. Our current annual expenses are, at least, \$75,000. This does not include the constant extras.

The only shadow that rests upon our work in foreign lands, and weighs heavily upon the hearts of those who have it in charge, as well as those who prosecute it, is the debt. By special effort, we have been raising about \$15,000 towards its liquidation. Our expenses on the field are daily increasing, so that unless the receipts by October 1st will amount to the quarterly remittances for Japan and China, of \$15,000, we will be forced to borrow the greater portion of this amount, and thus the debt will be the same as it was a year ago, namely, \$60,000.

Many of the Classes have taken hopeful action in regard to the payment of the debt. The Board will continue to bear the liability of the debt, believing that, in due time, the pastors and people will come up to its help and pay it.

Five years ago one of our ablest divines told me, "I think we have gotten to the limit of our giving for Foreign Missions." The receipts then were \$55,000 for the year. I replied, "If I thought so, I would resign tomorrow." God has been swaying the hearts of the people in these latter years to the extent of increasing the offerings to over \$96,000 during the past year. Have we gotten to the limit of our giving? If we have, then we do not know our resources, nor the desires

of the people to aid in the spread of the kingdom in distant lands.

What the Board pleads for at the hands of the Synods this fall is a deepening of the conviction that we are able to do the work which the Lord has given us to do. That all our people may come to a realization of this fact, we urge the holding of conferences for men, and the introduction of mission study in all our congregations. The Lord strengthen our faith, and give us patience in well doing.

Very sincerely yours,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 13, 1907.

Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

There were placed in the hands of the committee the following papers:

1. The annual statement of the Board of Home Missions.
2. The report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.
3. The report of J. J. Nissley, treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.
4. The annual statement of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.
5. A communication from the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, asking this Synod to take such action as shall approve of the organization of Women's Classical Societies within its bounds and of a Woman's Missionary Society of the Potomac Synod.

From the reports relating to the work of Home Missions, it is learned that the office of General Superintendent, which became vacant by the death, in April last, of the Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, is still vacant; that the income for the Synodical year has been larger than in any previous year; that, notwithstanding, there is at present a deficit of \$9,000, which sum will be increased by the orders due October 1st, to \$23,000; that one of the most serious hindrances to the work is the lack of ministers, making it impossible to enlarge the work by the enrollment of new missions; that the number of Church Building Funds is at present 220; that our Hungarian work prospers, there being at present thirteen Hungarian pastors, and the congregations in Chicago and Cleveland having become self-supporting within the past year; that the Harbor Mission is likewise in a prosperous condition; that, in short, our home missionary work, being more prosperous

and more promising than ever before, imposes upon us a larger responsibility than ever before, and calls for larger gifts of men and money.

From the annual statement of the Board of Foreign Missions, it is learned that the past year has been one of great awakening in the countries in which our foreign missionaries are laboring; that in Japan, our church in Tokyo and two churches in the Sendai district have become self-sustaining, that the work at Yochow, China, has been signalized by the completion of the splendid building for the Boys' School, at a remarkably low cost; that within the past year, two teachers, Miss Hansem and Miss Lindsey, have been sent to the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan, and Miss Brightbill as a nurse for the hospital at Chenchowfu, China; that the Rev. I. G. Boydstun and his wife, formerly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, have, since April 1, 1907, been assisting in the work of our mission at Shenchowfu; that the receipts for the past year amounted to \$96,460.39; that, nevertheless, there rests upon our foreign mission work the shadow of a debt, toward the liquidation of which, indeed, the sum of \$15,000 has by special effort been raised, but which, unless the constantly increasing expenses of the work are met by correspondingly increased contributions, will presently be the same as it was a year ago, namely, \$60,000.

In consideration of the facts that have been recited, the committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod hereby expresses the gratification with which it has heard of the prosperous and promising condition of its missionary work, both at home and abroad, and its gratitude to the Head of the Church for His blessing vouchsafed to this great department of our activity.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod desires to express and place on record its sense of the grievous loss it has sustained in the death of the Rev. Thos. M. Yundt, the late General Superintendent of Missions, and its grateful appreciation of the valuable services rendered during his comparatively brief term of office by this faithful servant of the Church to the sacred cause of missions.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod urges upon the several Classes within its bounds and upon all the pastors of its congregations, as a matter of the utmost importance, the acceptance and the payment in full of all the apportionments for both Home and Foreign Missions.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend the observance, by all our charges and congregations, of the second Sunday in November as Home Missionary Day, and the universal making

on that day of liberal offerings, over and above the apportionment, towards the erection of a suitable church building for the Chicago Mission.

Resolved, 5. That in this connection the special attention of our people be called to the importance, for the progress of the Reformed Church and the fulfillment of its mission in this country, of its missionary work in the great city of Chicago.

Resolved, 6. That, in like manner, we commend to all our pastors and people the observance of the second Sunday in February as Foreign Missionary Day, and the making on that day of large and liberal offerings, over and above the apportionment, for our Foreign Missionary work.

Resolved, 7. That this Synod heartily endorses the movement of the Board of Foreign Missions in the present effort to secure seven thousand persons to contribute ten dollars each towards a thank-offering of seventy thousand dollars, in recognition of the seventieth anniversary of the organization of the Board, occurring in the year 1908, and for the purpose of paying the debt of the Board and providing for the present urgent needs of the Japan and China Missions, and that this Synod, through the Classes, urges all its pastors and people to co-operate immediately with the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, through the Committee on Missions in every Classis, so that the movement may result in a speedy accomplishment.

Resolved, 8. That the "Home Missionary Bulletin," the formation of Mission Study Classes, the holding of Missionary Conventions, the Men's Movement in behalf of missions be commended to our pastors and people.

Resolved, 9. That this Synod expresses its earnest desire that the work of missions should be carried forward within its bounds, not only with undiminished, but with largely increased activity and liberality.

Resolved, 10. That the Synod gives its approval to the formation, in the Classes within its bounds, of Women's Missionary Societies, and of a Woman's Missionary Society of the Potomac Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, D.D.,
REV. J. PHILIP HARNER, REV. IRWIN S. DITZLER,
ELDER ISRAEL LAUCKS, ELDER A. R. BRODBECK.

At the election of members for the several Boards of Synod, Rev. Fred. A. Rupley, Jr., was elected for four years and Rev. Benjamin F. Bausman was elected for three years as a member of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The following persons constitute the Board of Missions, and the date of expiration of their terms of service, namely: Rev. Fred. A. Rupley, Jr., 1911; Revs. N. H. Skyles, Benj. F. Bausman, 1910; Revs. H. H. Apple, T. J. Barkley, D. D., 1909; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., L. F. Coblenz, 1908.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and with the accompanying audit, found correct. It was adopted, and is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Chas. M. Wolff, Esq., Treasurer of Synod, submits the following report which has been audited and approved by the committee of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the action of Synod, and which is as follows:

SCHEDULE "A."

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Potomac Synod in Account With Zion's Classis.

To apportionment made, Oct., 1906:

Potomac Synod Contingent \$130 00	Oct. 7. Paid in full	\$130 00
Theo. Sem. Aid Fund 335 00	June 8. Paid on this acct.	02 30
Science Hall Building Fund 205 00	April 30. Paid on this acct.	13 00
Catawba College Fund 95 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Harbor and other missions 220 00	Paid on acct.	145 00

Total	\$985 00	Total paid in	\$350 30
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Potomac Synod, in Account With Maryland Classis.

To apportionment made 1906:

Potomac Synod Contingent \$250 00	Aug. 2. Paid in full	\$250 00
Theological Seminary Fund 620 00	Aug. 2. Paid on account.	307 00
Science Hall Building Fund 385 00	Aug. 2. Paid on account.	331 00
Catawba College Fund 125 00	Aug. 2. Paid in full	142 00
Harbor and other missions. 415 00	Paid nothing on account.	

Total	\$1795 00	Total paid in	\$1000 00
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Potomac Synod, in Account With Mercersburg Classis.

To apportionment made 1906:

Potomac Synod Contingent \$80 00	Sept. 17. Paid in full.	\$80 00
Theological Sem. Aid Fund 225 00	April 30. Paid on account.	104 00
Science Hall Building Fund 130 00	Sept. 21. Paid in full.	130 00
Catawba College Fund 60 00	Sept. 21. Paid in full.	63 50
Harbor and other missions. 150 00	Sept. 21. Paid in full.	150 00

Total	\$645 00	Total paid in	\$527 50
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Potomac Synod, in Account With North Carolina Classis.

Apportionments made in 1906:

Potomac Synod Contingent	\$95 00	Sept. 28. Paid in full	.... \$95 00
Theological Sem. Aid Fund	250 00	Sept. 28. Paid on this acct.	22 75
Science Hall Building Fund	150 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Catawba College Fund....	55 00	Sept. 28. Paid in full	.... 110 00
Harbor, etc., missions	.... 140 00	Sept. 28. Paid on this acct.	6 60
Total	.....\$690 00	Total	.....\$234 35

Potomac Synod, in Account With Gettysburg Classis.

Potomac. Synod Con. Fund	\$135 00	Paid in full.....	\$135 00
Theological Sem. Aid Fund	360 00	Paid nothing on account.	
Science Hall Building Fund	220 00	May 18. Paid on account..	105 00
Catawba College	.... 95 00	Paid in full.....	145 00
Harbor, et al. missions....	275 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Total	.....\$1085 00	Total	.....\$385 00

Potomac Synod, in Account with Carlisle Classis.

Apportionments made for 1906:

Potomac Synod Contingent	\$55 00	Paid in full.....	\$60 30
Theological Seminary Aid	. 165 00	Aug. 17. Paid on account..	79 00
Science Hall Building....	85 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Catawba College Fund	.... 95 00	Paid on account.....	46 77
Harbor, et al., missions....	100 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Total	.....\$500 00	Total paid in	.....\$186 07

Potomac Synod, in Account With Juniata Classis.

Potomac Synod Con. Fund.	\$145 00	Paid in full.....	\$145 00
Theological Seminary Aid.	375 00	Paid on account.....	250 00
Science Hall Building Fund	230 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Catawba College Fund	.... 80 00	Paid in full.....	80 00
Harbor, et al., missions....	250 00	Paid in full.....	250 00
Total	.....\$1080 00	Total paid in	.....\$725 00

Potomac Synod, in Account With Virginia Classis.

Potomac Synod Contingent	\$60 00	Sept. 17. Paid in full \$60 00
Theological Sem. Aid Fund	170 00	Sept. 17. Paid in full	.... 170 00
Science Hall Building Fund	95 00	Sept. 17. Paid in full	.... 95 00
Catawba College Fund....	35 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Harbor and other missions.	100 00	Paid nothing on this acct.	
Total	.....\$460 00	Total paid in	.....\$325 00

SCHEDULE "B."

The Treasurer of Potomac Synod in Account With Catawba College Fund.

To balance in Treasurer's hands, at last report...	\$156 23		
To amount received from the eight Classes of Syn.	586 77	By cash paid out to M. J. Rowe, Treasurer of Catawba College	\$650 00
Total	\$743 50	Balance in hand	93 50

The Treasurer of Potomac Synod, in Account With Science Hall Building Fund.

To balance in Treasurer's hands	\$123 82	By cash paid to People's Bank, of Hanover, Pa., for principal and interest on note, sum of	\$503 34
To amount received from eight Classes	674 00		
Total	\$797 82	Balance in hand	294 48

The Treasurer of Synod, in Account With Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

To amount in Treasurer's hands	\$489 42		
To amount received from eight Classes	1033 19	By cash paid to John B. Roth, Treasurer of Seminary, the sum of	\$1287 61
Total	\$1522 51	Balance in hand	235 00

The Treasurer of Synod, in Account With Harbor, Hungarian, et al. Missions.

To balance in Treasurer's hands	\$124 19		
To amount received from Classes	551 82	By cash paid to John J. Nissley, Treasurer, etc..	\$519 41
Total	\$676 01	Balance in the Treasurer's hands	156 60

The Treasurer of Synod, in Account With Potomac Synod Contingent.

To balance in Treasurer's hands	\$481 34	By cash to Rev. DeLong, for use of Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa.	\$25 00
To amount received from the eight Classes	1013 17	To T. J. Barkley, D.D., for printing ballots of Synod	2 25
Total	\$1494 51	To Rev. E. R. Deatrick, balance postage, etc.	1 22
		To Rev. J. W. Pontius, expenses of Board of Trustees, one meeting	5 16
		To C. B. Wirt, Treasurer's bond	25 00

To O. B. Coblentz, copying the charter.....	2 00
To Publication Board, printing minutes of Synod	268 45
To Rev. L. E. Coblentz, postage and freight on same	27 16
To Publication Board, printing addresses of Synod	126 25
To H. W. Wissler, interest on legacy	10 00
To Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D., expenses of Board of Visitors	2 90
To Rev. J. W. Pontius, <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , for Board expenses, etc.	8 07
To Rev. C. S. Slagle, D.D., expenses to Catawba College Board	26 11
To Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., for Theo. Sem. Board meeting, at Lan- caster, Pa.	5 00
To Rev. T. J. Hacker, D.D. for Catawba College Board meeting	16 30
To Rev. J. D. Miller, D.D., Educational Board meeting	4 42
To Rev. A. S. Weber, D.D., expenses of F. and M. College Board meeting.	4 72
To Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod	100 00
To C. M. Wolff, Esq., sal- ary, postage, etc., of Treasurer	107 65
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Total paid out	\$767 66
Balance in hand	726 85

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. WOLFF, *Treasurer*

The undersigned committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$1,000.00, and the same is hereby acknowledged.

Respectfully,
Submitted,
Nehemiah H. Snyder

January 1st, 1897.

Report of the Committee on Finance

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, during the session of 1896, have the honor to report as follows:

At the December session of the Board.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee in conformity with the following report:

There were received by the Treasurer & Board of Trustees the following amounts of contributions for the several causes: viz. General Fund, \$1,000.00; Home Missions, \$1,000.00; Foreign Missions, \$1,000.00; Sunday School, \$1,000.00; Benevolent Fund, \$1,000.00; Church Building, \$1,000.00; Christian Literature, \$1,000.00; Christian Education, \$1,000.00; Christian Missions, \$1,000.00.

Summary

CAUSES	Contributions from the Board	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Benevolent Fund	Church Building	Christian Literature	Christian Education	Christian Missions
Board's	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Maryland	250	4150	415	2000	100	200	200	200	200
Mercersburg	50	1500	150	1000	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia	60	350	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
North Carolina	95	1025	140	100	100	100	100	100	100
Gettysburg	135	2450	275	1500	100	100	100	100	100
Carlisle	55	1075	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Juniata	145	2300	250	1000	100	100	100	100	100
	\$950	\$15550	\$1050	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000

Respectfully submitted,

REV. NEHEMIAN H. SNYDER, REV. GEORGE H. HARRISON,
ELDER ROBERT L. MORRIS, ELDER JOHN H. HARRISON

Report of the Board of Trustees.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the last meeting of Synod, your Board held two meetings. The first was held in Hanover, Pa., on the third day of January, 1907. In compliance with the requirement of the charter, the Board at this meeting organized by the election of the following officers, to wit:

The Rev. John W. Pontius, Middletown, Md., *President*.

The Rev. T. J. Barkley, Gettysburg, Pa., *Vice-President and Secretary*.

The Treasurer of Synod, C. M. Wolff, Esq., is also the Treasurer of the Board.

The President submitted a copy of the charter as amended by the Legislature of the State of Maryland and authorized by Synod. The charter, as amended, was approved, and the amendment ordered to be spread on the minutes of this meeting.

The Treasurer submitted a duly executed bond for ten thousand dollars, in the Fidelity and Trust Company of Maryland. The bond was approved and ordered to be placed in the custody of the President of the Board.

The Treasurer was instructed to secure, if possible, the account books of the former treasurers of the Board.

The annual meeting was held in Hanover, Pa., on the 11th day of October, 1907. At this meeting the Treasurer reported that he had made diligent but unsuccessful efforts to secure the account books of the former treasurers. The instruction was reiterated.

The Board audited the Seminary Endowment Securities in the hands of the Treasurer and found them well invested and bearing an average interest of five per cent. per annum.

There are in the custody of the Treasurer notes, bonds and mortgages, aggregating thirty-five thousand, four hundred and fifteen dollars (\$35,415).

The Seminary Fellowship Fund, safely invested, with accrued interest, amounts to two thousand, two hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-five cents (\$2,232.65).

The committee appointed last year to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported that it had attended to that duty and had found the accounts correct.

Receipts, five thousand two hundred and thirty-four dollars and forty-five cents (\$5,234.45); paid out three thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-five cents (\$3,719.95); balance in the hands of the Treasurer, one thousand five hundred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents (\$1,514.50).

The term of office of the Rev. J. Stewart Hartman will expire January 1, 1908, and the Board recommends his re-election.

The Board recommends also the election of C. M. Wolff Esq., as Treasurer of Synod.

The Board has appointed the Rev. T. J. Barkley and Mr. D. E. Winebrenner the Auditing Committee for the ensuing Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Vice-President.*

Attest: T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

Gettysburg, Pa., October 16, 1907.

Rev. J. Stewart Hartman was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years, from January 1, 1908.

Members of the Board of Trustees and Term of Service.—Rev. J. S. Hartman, January 1, 1913; David E. Winebrenner, Sr., to January 1, 1912; Rev. J. W. Pontius, January 1, 1911; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., January 1, 1910; Elder C. M. Wolff, January 1, 1909.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Report of the Sunday-School Board of the General Synod to the District Synods.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: We beg to submit a brief report of the work of the Sunday-School Board of the General Synod for the past year, and to call your attention to a few facts deserving emphasis at this time.

(1) THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

The annual balance sheet of the Periodical, Sunday-School Supplies and Book Departments, including gross sales, gross gains, net gains, assets and liabilities, is prepared by a certified accountant, who reports directly to the Board.

From this statement of assets and liabilities for the year ending March 31, 1907, the following exhibit is given:

ASSETS.		
Cash in banks and on hand	\$4,643 93	
Inventory:		
Sunday-school supplies, cost, \$8,590.06, less 10 per cent.	7,731 05	
Book Department, cost, \$3,124.31, less 10 per cent.	2,811 88	
Paper for periodicals	1,505 44	
Accounts receivable	12,080 05	
Cuts, plates, electros, one-third charged off each year	963 12	
Cost of furniture and fixtures to date, \$2,599.87, all charged off but	405 08	
Reformed Church Building: Appropriations to date, from earnings of Business Department..	12,796 02	
	<hr/>	\$42,936 57
LIABILITIES.		
Periodicals paid in advance.	\$4,034 97	
Royalty due	93 26	
Capital April 1, 1906	33,277 07	
	<hr/>	37,405 30
Net gain for year		\$5 531 27

The sales for the year were \$68,601.28, a gain of \$3,339.46 over the preceding year.

The sales of the Business Department are recorded under three heads: (1) The Periodical Department; (2) Sunday-School Supplies Department; (3) The Book Department.

It is gratifying to report that the agency contract arranged with the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, has been a factor in the increased sales of the Periodical Department.

(2) THE REFORMED CHURCH BUILDING IN PHILADELPHIA.

The work of the past year is noteworthy because of the fact that contracts were made for the erection of a seven-story, fire-proof office building. By the time this report reaches your reverend body, the building will be under roof. It is hoped to place some of the tenants in the building before the end of the year. The Boards of the Church will not occupy the building until January and February, 1908. From the rentals assured there is every prospect of meeting not only the running expenses and the interest charges on

the building, but also to gradually reduce the rentals to the Boards of the Church. In addition, the Boards will have advantageous quarters, and the Church an office building, which cannot fail to give dignity and strength to the general work of the denomination. Some liberal individual gifts have been received. A number of Sunday-schools have contributed, and some money has been invested by members of the Church in the form of Annuity Bonds. These Annuity Bonds bear interest to the donors during the lifetime of the beneficiary, and at the death of the survivor the principal belongs without conditions to the Church.

Including the money appropriated from the earnings of the Business Department, about \$50,000 has been secured for this movement.

The mortgage placed upon the building affords the unusual privilege of payment of principal at any interest period. This opens the way for investment in the building by individuals in the form of annuity bonds as well as the securing of additional gifts to reduce the indebtedness.

The importance of this office and administration building to the Reformed Church, in the economical and efficient management of the general benevolent operations, cannot be questioned. It will stand as a helper to every good cause.

Gifts of the living and bequests should be made, in order that the entire income of the building can be used to advance the missionary, the publishing and Sunday-school operations of the Church.

Let liberal gifts be made now, while the building is being erected.

We trust, therefore, that individuals will help and that our congregations and Sunday-schools will be challenged to assist in making the Reformed Church Building a constant blessing to every congregation, and to the Church at large, and to the extension of our Lord's Kingdom.

(3) OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

The total number of periodicals printed for the second quarter of 1907 was 271,178—a gain of 8,379, as compared with the second quarter of 1906. The most encouraging gain, perhaps, is that of the Heidelberg Teacher, representing some 1,500 copies.

In addition to the weekly, monthly and quarterly Sunday-school periodicals, the Board has published, during the last fiscal year, Festival Services and miscellaneous Sunday-school supplies, to an aggregate number exceeding one-half million.

In the literature produced by the Board we find a powerful reason for its existence. The Board does not exist to issue books and publications in order to pay official salaries, or to run a business department. It does not exist to make money and to increase its assets, but to produce the printed page that strengthens faith and builds up life—most of all, to issue literature adapted to the needs and to the all-impressible period of childhood and youth. No one can doubt that through its superior Sunday-school literature our Board is rendering a most valuable service to the Church. Literally, millions of copies of Sunday-school literature, periodicals and requisites are printed and scattered annually, like good seed in the good ground of young hearts and minds. In our Sunday-schools all over the land these helps to the higher life, so valuable for the study of God's Word, surely have been the means of leading to the truth, of enlightening the mind and of creating a Christian sentiment in the community where they have been circulated. We have a right to expect an intelligent and appreciative understanding of the worth of our literature to the Church, and a settled purpose to support it loyally.

(4) OUR MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The detailed financial statement of the Missionary Department will be presented at the approaching meeting of the General Synod, but it is encouraging to know that the receipts of the past year were the largest in the history of the Board. These amount now to nearly \$4,000, but more could wisely be used in this department. Through grants of literature to scores of schools, the printed page bears its testimony for good. This last year we have aided as usual nearly three-score schools, either in starting or continuing to exist as Sunday-schools. Work has been done, through the employment of Sunday-school missionaries, in Indianapolis, Indiana; Freeport, Illinois; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Akron, Ohio.

The most rapidly growing feature of our Missionary Department has been the aid extended to our Hungarian brethren. During the year a contract was entered into with the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work, and in conjunction with them we are now issuing a monthly Hungarian Sunday-School Evangel, Quarterly Hungarian Picture Cards and a Weekly Hungarian Reformed Sentinel.

Next to the presence of the living missionary, this Christian literature is vital to the formation of Christian character and the proper type of American citizenship.

It is pleasant to report increased receipts during the current year for this missionary work, but the expense of publishing this Hungarian literature has exceeded original estimates; we trust therefore, that schools and individuals will be challenged to give liberally to this important cause.

(5) OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The educational efforts of the Board are growing in extent and importance. These are represented not only by the publications and literature issued, but also by the more thorough organization of the general work of Synods and Classes, and a constant agitation towards securing a higher standard for the Sunday-school. At the present time, in nearly every Synod, through the Synodical Sunday-School Boards, definite efforts are being made to stimulate the schools through an Increased Missionary Campaign. The standard aimed at is to secure a ten per cent. increase in the membership of the school, fifteen per cent. in giving to missions, and the formation of a missionary library and of a Sunday-school workers' library.

We trust your reverend body will continue to encourage the schools of the Church, through the Classes, to form Teacher Training Classes, to grade their schools, and to cultivate a missionary spirit and larger missionary giving.

More and more it is coming to be seen that the moral and religious instruction of the children of the land depends upon the work done through the Sunday-school as an agency of the Church. To secure the constant presence of the youth of the Church in the school, and to aid in the religious instruction of the children in the home, it is well to recognize the importance and necessity of having the adults enrolled in the schools of the Church. *The Organized Adult Class* is a movement in recognition of this need. During the past year many of our Reformed schools have organized their Senior Classes, and testimonies are frequent as to the good results growing from the more thorough organization of the adult class. In order to aid in this work and to stimulate the adult membership of the church to more faithful Bible study, your Board has published, beginning with the fourth quarter of 1907, *The Home Department Quarterly* and *Adult Class Magazine*. The wisdom of preparing the same lesson material for members of the Home Department and scholars of the senior classes is apparent. In addition, the information of methods of work and the news of successful organized Adult classes, as given in this periodical, cannot fail to stimulate the interest of Home Department members. The price of this

new periodical, beginning with January 1, 1908, will be thirty cents per single copy per year, and twenty-five cents for club subscriptions, per year.

We trust your reverend body will emphasize the value of the organized adult class, and the use of the *Home Department Quarterly* and *Adult Class Magazine* in our congregations and schools.

As an educational institution, the Sunday-school is constantly gaining in recognition, and the demand is upon us for an enlargement of the scope of its work. If the State spends its millions in public school education, is it not manifest that the Church, as the spiritual mother of God's children and as bearing responsibility for the moral and religious education of the children and youth, must give increasing time and attention to the oversight and development and the larger usefulness of the Sunday-school and its allied educational agencies?

May we not express the hope that your reverend body will give ample time for the consideration of the general Sunday-school work of the Church, and that the prayer of thanksgiving will ascend for the blessings vouchsafed during the past year, and the earnest supplication that the way may be opened for such advances as will most adequately discharge the obligations resting upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary.*

September 12, 1907.

Report of the Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools presented the following report. It was received, read and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

To your committee have been referred the Classical Statistical Reports of Sunday-Schools, a copy of the report of the Sunday-School Board of General Synod to the District Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States and incomplete reports of Young People's Societies from two Classes.

These reports call our attention to the following encouraging facts:

(1) In the Business Department we find that there is a net gain of \$5,531.27 from April 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907; and that the sales for the year were \$68,601.28, a gain of \$3,339.46 over the preceding year.

(2) Your committee notes that the Reformed Church

Building is nearing completion, and by the beginning of the year 1908 the Boards of the Church will have convenient, commodious and comfortable quarters.

(3) Attention is called to our Sunday-School Literature Department. The second quarter of 1907 shows a net gain in the number of periodicals of 8,379, as compared with the second quarter of 1906. The most encouraging gain being in the sale of the "Heidelberg Teacher."

(4) Attention is called to the Missionary Department. We note with pleasure that the receipts of the past year were the largest in the history of the Board. These amount to nearly \$4,000. It is of interest to note that the most rapidly-growing feature of the Missionary Department has been the grants of literature and aid extended to our Hungarian brethren. This fact has made the expense of publishing exceed that of original estimates, and for this reason schools are challenged to give more liberally to this worthy cause.

(5) The Board calls our attention to its educational work, which is growing in extent and importance. The standard aimed at is to secure an increase in the membership of the school, in giving to missions and the formation of libraries. Special attention is called to the forming of Teacher Training Classes, and more especially to the Home Department Quarterly and Adult Class Magazine.

In view of the requests of the Board and the importance of advancing and improving our Sunday-School work, your committee makes the following recommendations:

Resolved, 1. That Synod rejoices in the increased sales of the Business Department, thereby making it possible for the Board to show an increased net gain over the previous year, and also expresses its confidence in the management of the same.

Resolved, 2. That Synod calls the attention of Sunday-Schools, through Classes, to the importance of the Reformed Church Building, and that individuals, congregations and Sunday-Schools be challenged to assist in making the Reformed Church Building a blessing to every congregation and to the whole Church.

Resolved, 3. That Synod rejoices in the splendid work being done by the Sunday-Schools Department of our Church and urges upon our schools giving their support to the use of our Sunday-School literature, and patronage and co-operation to the Missionary and Educational Departments.

Resolved, 4. That Synod recognizes the need and importance of Teacher Training Classes and that Sunday-Schools, through Classes, be urged to organize classes wherever practicable.

Also that Sunday-Schools be instructed to organize Adult Bible Classes and give their support and sympathy to the Home Department Quarterly and Adult Class Magazine.

Resolved, 5. That Synod recognizes the great good derived from the organization of Young People's Societies and that Classes, where such organizations exist, be requested to send in a complete statistical report of these societies.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. W. ROWE,

REV. CHAS. E. MEYERS,

ELDER J. C. MILLER,

REV. CLAYTON H. RANCK,

ELDER DAN'L Q. DECKER.

Statistical Report of Sunday Schools.

	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Home Department Enrollment.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Number of Months School is Open.	Number of Union Schools in Charge.	Scholars in Full Membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars (but Not Confirmed)	Scholars Received During the Year Into Full Membership.	Number of Books in Library.	Into How Many Departments is the School Divided?	To Sunday-School Work of General Board.	To Other Church Boards and Institutions.	To Other Benevolent Objects.	To Support of School.
Citizensburg	483	3964	...	4366	2629	...	9	1172	1113	162	3253	62	890	8644	3284	\$1883 00
North Carolina	444	4751	157	5389	1286	...	...	1235	812	82	695	...	30	47	324	848 00
Maryland	1132	8055	352	9256	...	...	...	2755	3112	277	8672	...	261	1441	545	5793 00
Junata	619	4928	153	5739	...	...	2	2003	1466	219	2701	...	369	692	711	2737 00
Carthage	294	2132	217	2669	1456	...	4	1172	769	...	1125	...	126	251	208	1226 00
Waverburg	342	2569	131	2943	1377	255	5	859	463	82	3808	42	272	271	852	1818 00
Virginia	341	2048	85	2457	1259	273	2	633	378	56	1935	...	101	421	352	1182 00
Grand Total	660	6147	227	6914	...	...	17	1594	1287	112	4564	...	74	585	553	5556 00
	4315	34614	1372	39733	9007	538	39	1422	9400	1080	25983	104	8145	9463	94040	\$20909 00

Report of the Sunday-School Board of the Synod of the Potomac.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Obeying the instructions of Synod given at Chambersburg, the President and Secretary of the Board, acting for the Board, held a conference, printed a circular and furnished the *Messenger* an article in an effort to increase the membership, the benevolent contributions and the missionary literature of the Sunday-schools.

The following schools consented to make the effort: Christ, Middletown, Md.; Memorial, York; Newport, Newport; Zion, York; First, Carlisle; Zion, Chambersburg, and Christ, Hagerstown. All failed to meet the conditions and no certificates were awarded.

We feel that the time was too short and the season unfavorable for this effort. The expense of the effort amounted to \$10.05, and was met from other sources than Synod's treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. F. L. KERR, *President*.

Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., was re-elected a member of the Sunday-School Board of the Synod for five years; Rev. James B. Stonesifer was elected for one year, in the place of Rev. Preston A. DeLong.

Members of the Sunday-School Board and Date of Expiration of Term of Office.—Rev. James B. Stonesifer, 1908; Rev. Frank L. Kerr, 1909; Rev. E. Wm. Stonebraker, 1910; Rev. Atvill Conner, 1911; Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., 1912.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing claimed attention under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

Report of the Stated Clerk on Publications.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: According to your instructions, I published 3,500 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1906 and distributed the same among those entitled to receive them. The contract for printing was made with the Publication Board. The bill for printing and distribution was paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Stated Clerk*.

In accordance with Synod's instructions, I made an effort to have published 50,000 copies of addresses on "Education," delivered on Thursday evening of the Synod of 1906 by Judge W. Rush Gillan and Prof. G. W. Richards, D.D. Found it was impossible to publish so many copies for the amount designated by Synod, \$125. Published as many copies as the sum named could secure—16,000 copies—and distributed them as promptly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: By instruction of the Publication Board, the undersigned, President and Secretary of said Board, submit to your reverend bodies a report of the present condition of your publication interests. In order that the Synods may obtain a clear apprehension of the standing of their plant, we hereby submit to them in full the report of Rev. A. S. Bromer, the Business Manager, which he presented to the Board at its regular meeting on September 4, 1907. We ask your careful examination of this report, which is as follows:

To the Publication Board of the Reformed Church:

DEAR BRETHREN: In submitting a financial statement and a report of the general conditions which prevailed during the last fiscal year, the whole might be summed up in the word "progress." The rate of progress, possibly, is not what some may have hoped for, but when the outlook three years ago is taken into consideration, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was able to extricate itself financially and thereby save the *Messenger* from inevitable bankruptcy.

The volume of business in the Book Department is somewhat less than last year, but this is fully accounted for by the heavy orders during 1905 to 1906, owing to the fact that churches postponed their purchases until the new Hymnal was placed on sale.

The sale of the Hymnal is steadily maintained, as revealed by the fact that this summer we were compelled to print another edition of the Music Hymnal.

The *Messenger* shows a considerable gain over previous years, and this no doubt will be received with satisfaction by the members of the Board. We have lost a considerable number of subscribers who were enrolled at the \$1.25 rate, but if each pastor would give the management just a little

aid during the coming year, the *Messenger* could be placed on a sound financial basis. Might it not be well to challenge the pastors, through the Synods this fall, to make another effort in behalf of the *Messenger*?

Your manager begs leave to call your attention to the fact that the statement shows a net gain of \$1,370.09, after deducting \$500 for old plates, \$325.13 for outstanding *Messenger* subscriptions and \$100 for wear and tear on furniture and fixtures.

The financial statement is as follows, and speaks for itself:

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.

Cash	\$6,636 22
Accounts receivable—Book Department	2,584 71
Accounts receivable—Advertising Department ..	1,169 24
Merchandise—Book Department	10,653 09
Merchandise—"Messenger"	515 46
Furniture and Fixtures	1,141 17
Rent paid in advance	250 00
"Messenger", subscriptions due	3,781 76
"Review," subscriptions due	407 00
	<hr/> \$27,138 65

LIABILITIES.

"Messenger," subscriptions paid in advance	\$4,293 92
"Review," subscriptions paid in advance	250 00
Capital, June 30, 1907.....	22,594 73
	<hr/> \$27,138 65

LOSSES AND GAINS.

	BOOK DEPARTMENT.	Loss.	Gain.
Inventory, July 1, 1907	\$11,153 09		
Reduction in value old plates.	500 00		
	<hr/> \$10,653 09		
Credits for the year.....	18,248 40		
	<hr/> \$28,901 49		
Inventory, July 1, 1906	\$11,943 87		
Debits for the year	15,206 81		
	<hr/> \$27,150 68		
			\$1,750 81
Royalty from Sunday-School Board			750 00

MESSENGER.

Inventory, July 1, 1906	\$516 52		
Debits for the year	12,631 90		
	<hr/> \$13,148 42		
Inventory, July 1, 1907	\$515 46		
Credits for the year	12,161 53		
	<hr/> 12,676 99		
		\$471 43	
Subscriptions paid in advance	\$4,293 92		
Subscriptions due	4,106 89		
	<hr/> \$187 03		
Charged off as uncollectible ..	325 13		
	<hr/> \$512 16		

REVENUE		
Debits for the year	\$210 57	
Credits for the year	730 50	
		\$519 93
Subscriptions due	\$407 00	
Subscriptions paid in advance	250 00	
		157 00

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FURNITURE AND FIXTURES		
Inventory, July 1, 1906	\$1,248 57	
Debits for year	148 30	
		\$1,396 93
Inventory, July 1, 1907	\$1,241 17	
Deduct for wear and tear	100 00	
		\$1,141 17
Credits for year	85 00	
		1,226 17
Net gain		190 76

\$2,544 44 \$2,544 44

We wish to call your attention to a few facts revealed by this report. In the first place, it shows the condition of the business on July 1, 1907. It also shows that the gain in the Book Department is not as large as that of last year. The cause for this fact is explained by the manager in the above report; and that the gain on the Review falls below last year's gain. But what causes us great pleasure is the fact that the *Messenger's* showing is much better than that of last year. A little effort on the part of the pastors and friends of the paper will place the *Messenger* on a self-supporting basis. Will the Synods endeavor to have this extra effort made? It will also be noticed that, notwithstanding a deduction of \$925.13 for old plates, etc., the net gain of the entire plant this year is \$1,370.09 as over against \$741.25 of last year. Your Board feels encouraged by the general presentation of the condition at this time.

Objections have been made in some quarters to the nature of some of the advertisements admitted to the *Messenger* and to the distribution of the advertisements throughout the columns. We wish to say that both the Board and the Business Manager are as anxious as anybody else that none but proper advertisements should appear in the *Messenger* and that they should be inserted in such places in the paper as not to interfere with the reading matter. But they have been made to understand the present condition of the advertisement business as many persons who have no connection with it possibly do not understand. The time was when

result will be found elsewhere in connection with the action of Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Theological Seminary, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Board of Managers of Deaconess Home, Sunday-School Board and Publication Board.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations herewith present the following names as candidates for the vacancies referred to us on the several Boards of Synod, namely:

Board of Education.

[Three members to be elected for 3 years.]

Rev. J. T. Rossiter, D.D.
 Rev. J. P. Harner.
 Rev. Frank L. Kerr.
 Rev. Robert J. Pilgram.
 Rev. F. F. Bahner, D.D.
 Rev. Christian Gumbert.

Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

[Three to be elected for 3 years.]

Rev. J. B. Shontz.
 Rev. C. Clever, D.D.
 Hon. A. R. Schnebley.
 J. Edward Omwake.
 John A. Diehl.
 T. G. Zarger.

Board of Directors of Woman's College.

[One to be elected for 5 years.]

Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D.
 Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.

Board of Trustees of F. and M. College.

[One to be elected.]

Hon. W. J. Zacharias.
 C. P. Gettier, M.D.

Board of Trustees of Potomac Synod.

[One to be elected.]

Rev. J. S. Hartman.
 Rev. T. S. Land, D.D.

Superintendent of Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer, D.D.

Members of Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

[One to be elected for 4 years.]

Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr.
Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

[One for 3 years.]

Rev. Howard Obold.
Rev. Benjamin F. Bausman.

Board of Publication.

[One to be elected for 4 years.]

Rev. C. S. Slagle.
Rev. Ellis N. Hay.

Sunday-School Board.

[One to be elected for 5 years.]

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.
Rev. W. E. Krebs, D.D.

[One for 1 year.]

Rev. F. S. Lindaman.
Rev. J. B. Stonesifer.

Board of Managers of Deaconess' Home.

[One for four years.]

A. R. Brodbeck.
E. A. Rice.

[One for 3 years.]

Jno. A. Diehl.
J. Edward Omwake.

[One for 2 years.]

Rev. B. B. Royer.
Rev. E. E. Emhoff.

[One for 1 year.]

Rev. H. H. Apple.
Rev. J. W. Bell.

Trustees of Catawba College.

[Six to be nominated for 3 years.]

Rev. J. L. Murphy, D.D.
Rev. Paul Barringer.
Rev. J. A. Foil.
Hon. A. A. Shuford.
Geo. McCorkle, Esq.

· Banks McNairy, M.D.
 P. J. Leonard.
 H. J. Crooks.
 W. A. Welker.
 John Troxler.
 E. L. Shuford.
 C. C. Bost.

[One to be nominated for 2 years.]

Rev. J. D. Andrew.
 Q. A. Wilfong.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. CALVIN S. SLAGLE, D.D.,
 REV. J. H. HARTMAN, REV. S. M. HENCH,
 JACOB HARTMAN, J. P. CUPPETT.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The reports from the several Orphans' Home referred to your committee indicate prosperity and progress. The health of the orphans has been very good.

Bethany Orphans' Home has been much improved by the erection of a new cottage. This cottage was donated by kind friends, as well as the furnishings.

The Home has received most generous support from the Church, so that all of Bethany's needs have been promptly met. The contribution by the Church at Christmastide was more than eleven thousand dollars. There are now in the Home 132 children, seventeen of these are from the bounds of the Potomac Synod.

Nazareth, at Crescent, N. C., was formally opened December 2, 1906. Eleven children are now in the Home and many others waiting for admittance until they can be provided for.

No report has been received from St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod place on record the grateful recognition and gratitude for the many blessings bestowed upon our Orphans' Homes by our Heavenly Father.

2. *Resolved*, That we again place these homes upon the minds and hearts of the people of the several Classes, urging

them by prayer and free-will offerings to supply every need of the orphans.

3. *Resolved*, That every congregation within the Synod be urged to make an annual contribution to this worthy cause, and if possible, this offering be made at Christmastide. Further, in view of the needs and present conditions of our youngest Home, at Crescent, N. C., this be gratefully remembered and share in the offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. H. W. WISSLER,
Rev. S. S. MILLER, J. H. STEPHENS,
REV. D. J. WOLF, JOHN ZARGER.

Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows was presented to Synod by the Treasurer, Rev. S. S. Miller.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Permit me, as Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, to present, for the information of your reverend body, the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds, for the year ending September 30, 1907:

RECEIPTS.

Received from Maryland Classis.....	\$242 27
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....	130 00
Received from Juniata Classis	118 19
Received from Virginia Classis	107 52
Received from Carlisle Classis.....	97 07
Received from Zion's Classis.....	73 03
Received from Mercersburg Classis.....	34 00
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	\$802 08

EXPENDITURES.

Virginia Classis paid to two annuitants.....	\$175 00
Maryland Classis paid to two annuitants.....	100 00
Carlisle Classis paid to one annuitant.....	100 00
Zion's Classis paid to one annuitant	100 00
Gettysburg Classis paid to one annuitant	50 00
Juniata Classis paid to one annuitant	50 00
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	\$575 00

In view of the above favorable statement, your reverend body is requested to continue to encourage the good work of relief to the needy ministers and their widows, and, if possible, larger offerings to the cause be made as the appropriations to the annuitants will be increased.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer and Solicitor.

The officers of the above Society present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same for the year ending September 30, 1907:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, as per last report.....	\$3,687 72
Cash from loans paid	9,975 00
Cash from interest from investments.....	3,347 76
Cash from collections in the churches.....	3,148 72
Cash from individual gifts	289 20
Cash from bequest of Miss Rebecca Pott.....	104 80
Cash from royalty from Church Hymnal.....	640 50
Cash from royalty from Sunday-school Hymnal.....	92 36
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	\$21,286 06

EXPENDITURES.

Loans paid, Re-invested	\$9,975 00
New investment—	
Life Memberships.....	\$1,920 20
Bequest of Miss Rebecca Pott.....	104 80
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	2,025 00
Paid 76 annuitants	4,755 00
Treasurer's salary and bond.....	610 00
Treasurer's traveling expenses.....	54 12
Postage and stationery.....	39 15
Printing	9 00
Expenses of Executive Board.....	2 90
Cash in treasury, Sept. 30, 1907.....	3,815 89
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	\$21,286 06

ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY.

Invested fund	\$75,290 00
Cash in treasury, September 30, 1907.....	3,815 89
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	\$79,105 89

LIFE MEMBERS.

The following have become life members during the year: Revs. William C. Houpt, Henry N. Smith, Frank Grether, D.D., Louis D. Baus, Frederick Mayer, D.D., Conrad Iffert, Thomas K. Cromer, Frank L. Kerr, A. H. Herbst, Henry H. Wiant, C. George Shupe, Willoughby Millhouse, James S. Freeman, Paul Wienand, Harvey S. Nicholson, Louis C. Harnish, Isaac M. Schaeffer, W. F. Horstmeier, D.D., Chas.

L. Hartman, John J. Stauffer, Charles E. Wagner, Charles L. Noss, John F. Bair, Elias F. Faust, Henri L. G. Kieffer, J. Arthur Schaeffer, Elias S. Noll, William B. Werner, William A. Korn, Ph.D., William A. Yeisley, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Walter E. Garrett, Chas. W. Warlick, W. J. Johnson, and D. Franklin Boomersshine.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. David N. Dittmar, Secretary, Jefferson, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., and Rev. Isaac M. Motter, Assessors, Frederick, Md.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Potomac Synod, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, B.D., Pittsburgh Synod, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Rev. S. B. Yockey, D.D., Ohio Synod, Xenia, Ohio; Rev. Wm. F. Curtis, Synod of the Interior, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Frederick Mayer, D.D., Central Synod, Youngstown, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Gossheusch, Synod of the Northwest, Plymouth, Wis., and Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D., German Synod of the East, Buffalo, New York.

SIMON S. MILLER,
Treasurer and Solicitor.

Synod adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The charter and by-laws of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and Ministers' Widows seems to require that all moneys designated for making life memberships in said Society shall be placed in its invested fund; and,

Whereas, The Society is unable, for want of available funds, to minister to the relief of its beneficiaries as it ought and as it would like to do; therefore, be it,

Resolved, 1. That this Synod respectfully overtures the several Classes not to designate more than one-half of their annual contributions to the making of life memberships, and that the remainder shall be made available for the present needs of the Society.

And further, be it

Resolved, That this Synod renewedly commends to the Classes and the churches composing them this blessed work of love.

Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church begs leave to lay before your reverend Synod some account of its work, and to ask for it your prayerful interest and that consideration which you will no doubt cheerfully give to so important an undertaking of our General Synod.

It is a pleasure to report that the interest of our Church in this good work is growing. The contributions of the past year are nearly double those of the preceding one. They were \$417.24, of which sum the congregations in your territory gave \$55.80.

Whilst this amount has not been large enough to carry out the wish of the General Synod, "to aid every minister in good and regular standing in our Church, if needy," the increased giving encourages the Board to believe that the Church really means to take up this work more generally in the future than it has done in the past.

Assistance has been given to worthy brethren for whom no provision had been made by the Church and to some whose support from other sources was inadequate; and the Board has learned that it is by no means without a place or a work in our Church activity.

Two beneficiaries of the Board died during the year, and the relief extended to them and to others awakens gratitude to almighty God, who has seen fit to put it into the heart of our General Synod to enter upon this benevolent work.

At the late meeting of the Board five applications for relief were presented, and unless this shall prove to be an exceptional year, others will be made later.

The Board has so far been able to respond favorably in every case which the representatives of the Classes to which the applicant belonged have recommended.

This year the Board found it necessary to promise more money for relief than the churches gave last year. These promises were made in faith, believing that the Church will respond the more liberally as it learns the need.

For the present, the Board asks your reverend Synod to commend this work to the Classes and congregations within your jurisdiction, as you would do for any other undertaking of the General Synod; and further, that you take such action as will secure for this benevolence the endorsement and support of the several Classes, so that every congregation in our denomination may have at least the opportunity of

regularly aiding the General Synod in its effort to care for the needy, worthy servants of the Church.

In the name of the Board,

Very respectfully yours,

J. M. SCHICK, *Secretary*.

Washington. D. C., Sept. 4, 1907.

On motion, the request of the Board of Ministerial Relief was granted and referred to the Classes for their co-operation.

Report of the Deaconess Home Board.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Managers of the Deaconess Home Work begs leave to submit the following report:

The Board has held two meetings during the year, both at York, Pa. At the first meeting, the Board organized by electing Rev. J. Stewart Hartman as president and Rev. Robert Lee Bair as Secretary.

After careful consideration of the important work intrusted to us, the Board decided to enter into conference with the Trustees of the Phœbe Deaconess Home, at Allentown, Pa., in accordance with the action of Synod at its last meeting. The President of the Board was delegated as our representative.

At the recent meeting of the Board, his report was considered. That a conference was held in the parlor of the Phœbe Deaconess Home early in the month of May, when he was given a cordial reception by the Trustees.

The Phœbe Deaconess Home is under the control of three Classes of the Eastern Synod, but there is strong sentiment among its friends to bring it under the control of the Eastern Synod. This opinion was held by many members of the Board of Trustees, who expressed the hope that during the summer the debt on the property would be paid and the way open to bring the matter before the next meeting of their Synod.

We have the offer of the said Board of Trustees to receive and train any candidates for the office of Deaconess that we may present. This offer and the desire to combine with us in carrying forward the Deaconess work were readily and freely given.

No details involving the management of the Home, others than those named above, were considered. We did not, at this stage of operations and conditions, deem ourselves authorized to take up the question of control.

Your Board recommends that Synod accept the generous

Resolved, That the Synod direct its clerk to convey to Brother George W. Hoffman and wife Agnes its appreciation of their continued generosity.

American Tract Society.

In its second session on Wednesday, Synod was addressed by Rev. Judson Swift, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y., Secretary of the American Tract Society.

The Synod adopted the following:

The Synod recognizes the efficient and indispensable work of the American Tract Society, in providing Christian literature in the many languages and dialects spoken by the immigrants, and its employment of colporters, who meet them on arrival at the ports and distribute Christian literature among them.

The Synod also recognizes the invaluable aid of the Tract Society in the island possessions, in that it provides a Christian literature in Spanish, which the missionaries affirm is an absolute necessity in the successful carrying forward of their work.

The Synod further recognizes the unprecedented call for Christian literature at the mission stations in foreign lands, and commends the Society for its earnest effort to meet the ever-increasing demand.

The Synod recommends that each Classis appoint and maintain a Standing Committee on the Society's work, and urges the pastors and churches to arrange for an annual offering for its support.

Washington, D. C., October 16, 1907.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod, presented its report, which was received, read and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report, to wit:

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. GEORGE ELIAS LIMBERT, A.M.

Rev. George Elias Limbert, A.M., son of Henry Jackson and Caroline (Long) Limbert, was born in Centre County, Pa.,

December 30, 1865. Brought up on the farm and in the midst of surroundings that appeal to the best in human nature, he grew into a young manhood of the highest tone and type. Attending the schools of his native mountain home, he developed talents of a high order. He showed the elements of an orator. Fitting himself for a teacher, he taught one year each in the schools of Madisonburg and the borough of Millheim. His preparation for college was completed at the Spring Mill's Academy, where he started in with a class expecting to enter the Freshman class in college. By diligence, he, however, crowded two years' work into one, and entered the Sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College in 1887. He joined the Goethean Literary Society and became as well an active worker in the College Y. M. C. A. His society frequently honored him by electing him on its programmes and sending him as its representative in contests. He was sent by the students to several religious gatherings, feeling that he would be able both to give and get religious inspiration. He graduated in 1890 and was honored by the faculty by being made valedictorian of his class. He immediately took the regular course in the Theological Seminary. The degree of A.M. was conferred on him "in course." In the spring of 1893 he was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Susquehanna Classis, and immediately was dismissed to the St. Paul's Classis of the Pittsburg Synod, in order that he might be ordained as pastor of Mercer Mission, which afterwards became the Grove City Charge, in Mercer County. Here he labored with much self-denial for several years, receiving only \$650 annually (out of which he paid house rent and horse hire), organized a new congregation at Grove City and built a new church building. In 1900, he accepted a call to Danville, Pa., where he remained five years. The success of his pastorate, among this people, is evidenced by the payment of a debt of ten years' standing, the addition to his salary, and a splendid increase of the benevolent contributions of the church. In 1905, there came to him, entirely unsolicited, a call from the Trinity congregation of Altoona. He entered upon this pastorate with the brightest prospects. Pastor and people soon joined hands and hearts for a long and united service in extending the kingdom.

On June 21, 1894, Brother Limbert was married to Miss Flora Moyer, daughter of Joseph K. and Mary E. Moyer, of Center Mills, in Center County. One child, Paul, was born to them. His widow and son both survive to mourn the early loss of a husband and a father, together with his aged mother

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be given by the Treasurer of the Synod to the Treasurer of this church, for incidental expenses during the sessions of the Synod.

Report of the Reportorial Committee.

Your committee appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the public press would respectfully report that they have attended to the duties assigned them. reports having been furnished to the *Altoona Tribune*, *Washington Star*, the *Herald* and the *Times*.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. DAVID MILLER,

REV. E. O. KEEN,

REV. C. H. RANCK,

ELDER A. R. BRODBECK,

ELDER PETER S. LESH.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Emmanuel Reformed Church, Hanover, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 20, 1908, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated body.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 21, 1907, at 3:15 o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer in unison, the Doxology, and the benediction by the President.

CALVIN B. HELLER, *President*.

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Stated Clerk*.

An official copy of the original minutes.

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS		CONTRIBUTIONS		Minutes Wanted.				
			Communicants.	Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed	Certificate of Renewal of Prof'n	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Pressure of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Uncon.	No of Schools.		No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
ZION'S CLASSIS																				
Aaron Spangler, Stated Clerk																				
Aaron Spangler	511 W. Market St., York, Pa.	Without charge	1	223	158	129	17	11	16	2	9	2	1	28	421	901 00	\$1107 00	8		
Aaron H. Leisz	Hust, Berks Co., Pa.	Without charge	3	476	340	227	17	8	21	9	2	5	3	45	321	390 00	1268 00	22		
George S. Barber	714 W. King St., York, Pa.	Bethany, York																		
Samuel M. Rowley	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.	Glen Rock	1	426	307	225	19	3	12	1	11	5	1	49	579	610 00	1909 00	12		
George Stultz, D.D.	Clifton, Seneca Co., N.Y.	Professor Central Seminary	4	259	317	343	27	5	3	3	9	9	3	33	302	203 00	575 00	17		
John J. Stauffer	419 W. Phila St., York, Pa.	Zion's, York	5	1170	1000	771	90	6	36	9	23	5	17	48	900	558 00	1800 00	40		
Oliver P. Scheffhammer	639 Linden Ave., York, Pa.	New Salem																		
Raymond E. Butz, M.D.	491 Madison Ave., York, Pa.	Paradise	2	139	85	79	15	2	7	2	1	1	2	31	100	147 00	986 00	14		
Joseph W. Bell	160 E. Market St., York, Pa.	Practicing Medicine	1	581	474	245	12	12	5	6		7	1	41	421	2055 00	4712 00	14		
Henry H. Apple	Dallastown, York Co., Pa.	Dallastown																		
Charles H. Brandt	119 S. Duke St., York, Pa.	Trinity, York	1	522	414	100	7	3	13	19	7	74	5	48	724	674 00	9453 00	25		
Benjamin B. Royer	125 N. Beaver St., York, Pa.	Without charge	4	455	388	359	21	1	22	24	5		12	5	57	236	588 00	985 00	20	
Amandus H. Herfst	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.	Heidelberg, York	1	214	152	149	17	2	1	4			2	9	24	418	206 00	1903 00	10	
E. Bruce Lytle	131 W. Market St., York, Pa.	Shrewsbury	1	365	309	316	7	2	10	24	4		3	1	48	511	1834 00	3350 00	15	
Elmer F. Fubhoff	223 N. Hartley St., York, Pa.	Memorial, York																		
Israel S. Leiby	Farmington, Me.	Grace, York	1	70	48	55	2	1	3	12	1	8	2	18	100	60 00	700 00	8		
Robert Lee Bair	338 W. Market St., York, Pa.	St Stephens, West York																		
Charles B. Henry	551 W. King St., York, Pa.	Professor High School, York	2	105	76	66	8	1	7	4	1		1	24	135	23 00	400 00	14		
Charles A. Walther	631 W. York Ave., York, Pa.	Quickel's	1	97	75	7	7	4	11	4			7	1	24	235	75 00	665 00	10	
Charles F. Myers	37 S. Queen St., York, Pa.	Emanuel's, York	2	143	126	140	10	3	6	7	2		1	2	50	300	88 00	1011 00	12	
Robert S. Edris	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.	St John's	3	325	212	150	21	1	18				8	4	57	498	301 00	2710 00	16	
Edwin M. Sands	Hellam, York Co., Pa.	Kreutz Creek	4	190	159	98	16	7	18	3			11	8	16	158	84 00	735 00	16	
Vacant	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.	Dillsburg	1	75	50	6			3					1	10	60	45 00	122 00	4	
Chas. A. Walther	Supply	Christ, Starview	1	15	13	6			1					1	8	60	16 00	42 00	4	
Edwin M. Sands	Supply	Locust Grove																		
Robert S. Edris	Supply	Lebanon	1	16	13	21											30 00	30 00	3	
			40	5005	4763	3457	313	20	181	160	591	98	98	62	40	670	6553	12554 00	\$34852 00	296

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR (CONGREGATIONS)	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS		LOSSES.			SUNDAY- SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.				
			Communicants.	Confirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re- newal of Profr.	Dismissed.	Eraseure of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Officers and Teachers.		No. of Scholars.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
VIRGINIA CLASSIS																		
J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Christ	1	345	241	112	6	2	15	5	10	7	1	34	187	98.40 00	522.15 00	
J. W. Rauch	Martinsburg, W. Va.	Falling Waters	1	22	12	12	7	1					1	7	31	23 00	18 00	
G. C. Everhart	1014 Hollins St., Balto., Md.	Without charge																
Justah May	Bayard, W. Va.	Without charge																
N. H. Skyles	Woodstock, Va.	Woodstock	2	221	106	135	2	1	2	2			1	16	135	184.75 00	850 00	
H. Ditzler	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Mill Creek	4	313	172	105	0	4	16	1			3	24	196	307 00	610 00	
A. Theo. Wright	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Rockingham	3	342	245	115	4	7	10	6			3	27	192	423 00	931 00	
M. A. Kieffer	Timberville, Va.	Winchester	3	311	250	185	20	5	11	3			3	32	301	229 00	1020 00	
M. K. Cromer	Winchester, Va.	Winchester	2	126	95	86	18	1	4	2			1	21	116	150 00	2903 00	
T. H. Smith	Tonahostock, Va.	Harrisville	2	247	219	102	8	6	10	5			3	30	193	536 00	893 00	
A. K. Hay*	Mt. Crawford, Va.	Mt. Crawford	3	228	205	18	2	7	8	1			3	47	177	744 00	1415 00	
B. M. Boudier	Staunton, Va.	Middlebrook	2	224	178	76	4	2	11	4			2	29	188	165 00	725 00	
J. J. Hacker, D.D.	Roanoke, Va.	St. Paul's	1	88	72	40	6	1		11			1	7	74	73 00	920 00	
J. R. Lewis	Lowellville, Va.	St. James	1	121	106	93	9	3	5	2			1	13	104	214 00	915 00	
J. D. Miller	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Shepherdstown	2	130	101	67	1			1			2	20	120	167 00	559 00	
Vacant	Edinburg	Edinburg	2	114	73	37							2	20	96	135 00	32 00	
M. A. Kieffer, supply supplied	St. Stephen's, Harrisonburg	St. Stephen's	..	36	34	30	3	4	6	1			2	12	69	67 60	356 00	
	Smithfield	Smithfield	..	5						1			1			4 00		
			31	2786	2223	1182	99	47	102	34	41	41	54	7	27	322	1324.30 00	8143.32 00

* Dismissed to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS																	
J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk.																	
John Ingle	Green Park, N. C.	Without charge															
Michael L. Hedrick	R. R. Lexington, N. C.	Without charge															
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Newton, N. C.	Without charge															
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.	R. R. 6, Salisbury, N. C.	Lower Davidson Charge	5	273	61		2						3	17	217	961 00	3300 00
John A. Foll, Ph.D.	Newton, N. C.	Without charge															
Paul Barringer, D.D.	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Without charge															
Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.	Hickory, N. C.	Corinth, Hickory	1	218	191	84	6		4				1	11	136	564 00	1568 00
Jacob C. Leonard, D.D.	Lexington, N. C.	First, Lexington	1	157	103	52	21	16					1	14	223	426 00	1378 00
J. M. L. Lyster, Ph.D.	Greencent, N. C.	Greencent Charge	2	114	108	102	13	3	13				2	21	273	452 00	400 00
J. D. Andrew	Hurlington, N. C.	Burlington Charge	3	267	213	64	64	10	3				3	38	346	148 00	678 00

Gettysburg Classis—Continued.

MINISTERS POST OFFICE ADDRESS NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.										ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.
			Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Estruse of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Uncon.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.				
Lillis S. Hay	Hanover, Pa.	Emmanuel.	1	524	420	176	17	2	16	7	10	1	12	4	1	30	333	2	3732 00	2302 00	16				
Jacob N. Faust	Spring Forge, Pa.	Leischey	2	503	436	220	30	2	22	7	11	4	4	1	2	29	245	1	183 00	1720 00	10				
Silas P. Mauger	Hanover, Pa.	Grace	1	41	41	28	1	1	5	36	5	1	1	1	1	18	110	1	7 00	90 00	3				
William A. Yeisly	East Berlin, Pa.	East Berlin	4	372	267	170	5	3	22	7	14	3	4	5	4	60	303	1	97 00	304 00	11				
Wm. A. Korn, Ph D	New Oxford, Pa.	New Oxford	3	560	455	262	8	1	19	20	10	1	9	1	3	44	282	1	387 00	1261 00	16				
Thomas J. Barkley	Gettysburg, Pa.	Supply, St. Mark's	1	91	87	62	1	1	2				1	1	1	10	80	1	40 00	700 00	8				
			30	6866	5612	3217	302	12	201	150	142	25	98	44	30	491	4012	4	410613 00	328179 00	233				
CARLISLE CLASSIS																									
Wm. H. Groh, Stated Clerk																									
J. Thomas Fox	New Bloomfield, Pa.	New Bloomfield	2	125	110	66	8	1	4		5	1	1	1	2	26	158	1	8194 00	8706 00	20				
Frank L. Kerr	Newport, Perry Co., Pa.	Newport	1	244	200	120	10	1	9	6	1	6	4	1	1	24	267	1	930 00	1700 00	20				
Harry W. Wissler	Carlisle, Pa.	Sulphur Springs	4	194	163	65	11	1	7	6	2	5	3	3	4	30	243	1	365 00	900 00	16				
Hiram J. Maculister	Newburg, Pa.	Zion Church, Newburg	1	131	111	47	3	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	1	20	150	1	191 00	600 00	20				
Fred. A. Rupley, Jr	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Mechanicsburg	1	232	204	58	1	1	1	6	6	1	2	1	1	24	252	1	471 00	1628 00	15				
Roy E. Leinbach	Landisburg, Pa.	Landisburg	4	284	202	79	6	5	18	10	14	1	5	5	4	50	315	1	628 00	1506 00	28				
Robert J. Pilgram	223 W. Pomfret St., Carlisle	Carlisle	1	446	370	196	11	2	21	20	18	3	3	1	1	31	389	1	967 00	5399 00	12				
Stephen L. Flickinger	Duncannon, Pa.	Duncannon	3	193	134	76	4	1	1				3	1	3	44	105	1	450 00	2360 00	22				
M. M. Noacker	Enola, Pa.	Enola	1	20												1	1	1			5				
Vacant	Blain, Perry Co., Pa	Zion's	4	426	336	247	20	7	22	3	8	15	4			49	415	1	404 00	1240 00	36				
F. A. Rupley, Jr	Supply	Peace Church	1	5	5														6 00	5 00					
Solomon B. Schafer	Martinsburg, Pa.	Without charge																							
Samuel P. Stauffer	Philadelphia, Pa.	Without charge																							
Wm. H. Groh	Carlisle, Pa.	Without charge																							
Edwin D. Melxell	Greensburg, Pa.	Without charge																							
Geo. W. Shellenberger	Harrisburg, Pa.	Without charge																							
Barnuel T. Wagner	Allinda, Perry Co., Pa.	Without charge																							
Frank W. Shullenberger	Mt. Tabor, Cumberland Co., Pa	Licentiate																							
A. R. Kremer, D. D.																									
			20	2408	1962	942	74	17	83	55	56	14	30	5	30	328	2628	1	24496 00	10674 00	184				

TOTAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF POTOMAC SYNOD FOR THE YEAR A. D. 1907.

CLASSES	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONAL				LONGES				SUNDAY SCHOOLS		CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes of Synod Wanted					
	Congregations	Ministers	Licentiates	Communicants	Communion	Uncon- firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed	Certif. or Re- n'w'l of Prof.	Dismissed	Excom- municated.	Funeral of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Un- confirmed.	Number of Schools		Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars.	Stu- dents for Min.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.
Zion	40	22		5965	4783	3437	313	29	181	100	96		98	101	52	40	670	6553	1	\$28,540 00	\$34,882 00	286
Maryland	67	44	3	11425	8721	5544	538	46	385	242	161	6	72	167	73	63	1147	4260	4	18,334 50	78,600 25	313
Mercersburg	25	14		3617	2779	862	96	46	76	53	73		46	138	8	22	336	2734	3	7,319 00	27,541 00	126
Virginia	31	15	2	2785	2223	1182	90	47	102	34	41		41	54	7	27	432	2142	1	22,420 00	14,332 00	180
North Carolina	53	31		4418	2841	1302	130	40	120	142	90		50	48	4	41	436	1878	9	5,972 00	20,883 00	247
Gettysburg	29	22		6394	5612	3217	302	12	201	159	142		25	98	44	30	491	4012	4	10,613 00	28,256 00	233
Carlisle	23	16		2403	1935	942	74	17	88	55	50		14	28	5	22	296	2386	2	4,486 00	19,574 00	184
Juniata	53	21		6805	5179	2684	203	55	328	193	145		83	32	26	47	542	5195	5	11,131 00	33,415 00	431
Totals	320	195	5	43784	34073	19340	1755	322	1476	1029	806	61	429	454	219	292	4352	33167	29	\$106,817 59	\$257,302 25	2008

TOTAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1907.

SYNODS	MEMBERS										ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			S. SCHOOLS			CONTRIBUTIONS.			
	Classes	Licentiates	Ministers	Congregations.	Communi- cants.	Communi- firmed.	Un- baptized.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re- n'w'l of Prof.	Dismissed.	Excom- municated.	Funeral of Names.	Deaths, Commun.	Deaths, Un- confirmed.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars.	Stu- dents for Min.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Eastern	12	14	346	545	119250	93149	55775	5803	570	5185	3190	2032	5	1727	1985	524	10887	95147	70	\$145,129	\$403,900		
Ohio	6	6	151	234	28292	22871	6450	803	582	1126	1031	808		875	401	221	3861	26552	17	35,832	188,545		
Synod of N. West	13	17	177	244	25841	18079	15612	1586	70	1156	991	382	1	583	352	233	1654	13720	43	28,245	142,038		
Pittsburg	6	6	107	166	22937	19020	11365	1448	218	1048	844	500		696	392	153	1917	14343	12	72,500	178,797		
Potomac	8	5	185	320	43784	34073	19340	1755	322	1476	1029	806	6	429	654	219	4352	33107	29	106,818	252,302		
Ger. Syn. of East	4	4	63	59	16495	12807	9737	1030	26	925	654	93		664	329	162	58	1180	11976	10	12,070	124,022	
Central	5	5	98	110	24155	17732	11879	1036	106	954	615	267		625	370	152	1585	14477	26	22,215	120,928		
Interior	5	5	49	63	6670	2858	1345	174	106	248	191	135		159	47	61	754	4951	3	8,030	40,945		
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